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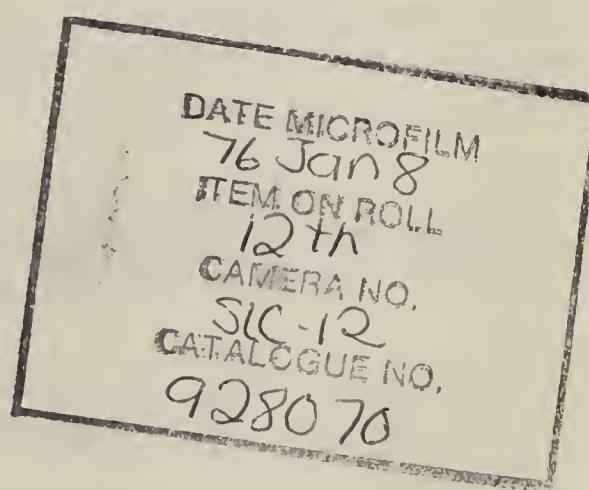
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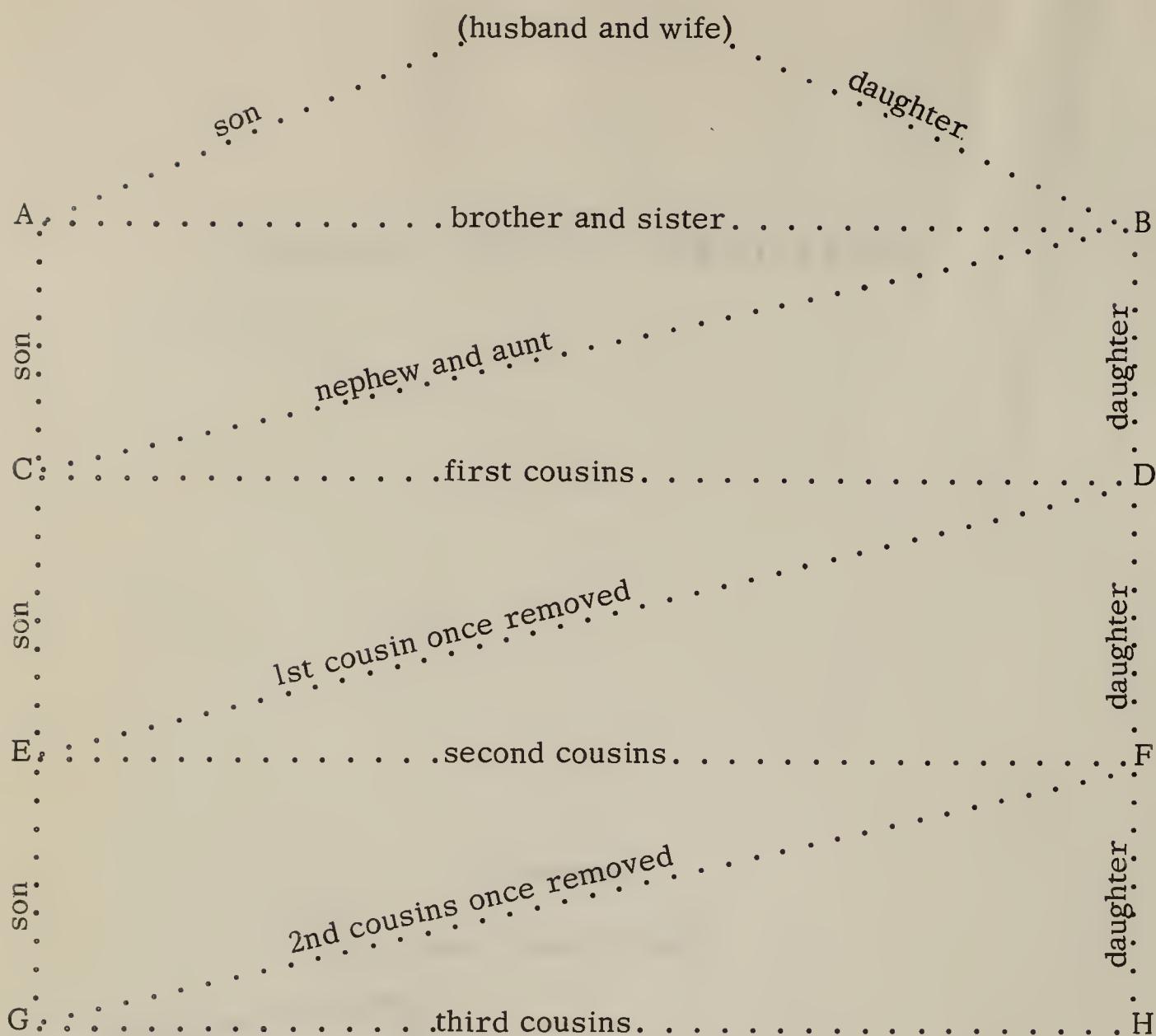


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SCHWEITZER

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

SCHWEITZER means "one who came from Switzerland". Our ancestors traced in this book, did not come from Switzerland so we do not know just how they happened to receive this name.

In the earliest extant census records of Germans in Russia, the letter "T" is not used in Schweitzer. This might be a mistake, however, since all the records in the United States spell it SCHWEITZER.

PREFACE

The "Schweitzer" family tree presented here is the result of several years of study, research, writing letters and visiting people. This project was started as a hobby about 12 years ago and was not originally intended for publication. I had always known that we had many relatives; finally I decided to write them down to find out just how many there really are. As the names in the book increased so did my enthusiasm until I was "hooked". Having gathered this much information together now, it seemed a shame not to have it published so that all the relatives could share it. I don't know how many letters I've written or people I've visited with, but as you will probably conclude it was no small task.

This book traces only one branch of the Schweitzer family, namely the direct descendants of John and Christina Schweitzer who came to America in 1893. Listed here are their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; in other words the "tree" stops with my generation. In some families there are already two generations beyond mine, and to have included all these descendants would have been an enormous amount of work and would probably have proved very confusing to the average reader. Each family should continue its own book of records, adding their descendants to the records included here. If any further family trees are compiled, I would want to obtain a copy.

This is mainly a book of second cousins. If your name appears, you are at least a second cousin to everyone else in this book. The listings do not include relatives beyond second cousins.

I did not try to do any research in Alsace or Germany where our ancestors originated. To do this one would almost have to go over there in person, and he would have to be able to read German script or at least speak German fluently. The other way to do research would be to hire a company that is set up to do genealogical research, but I have not had the time or the money to even consider these approaches.

There is no established link of relationship between our family and the famous Doctor Albert Schweitzer. Dr. Schweitzer was born in 1875 in Alsace so that the possibility of kinship is there, but it would be distant.

By comparing the census records of 1816 in Russia with the history the old people told me, I was able to identify the original Schweitzer family that went to Russia in 1809.

Almost all my vacation time these past years was spent visiting relatives, especially old people, always with my notebook collecting names and dates.

I hope this book will inspire others to continue tracing their own branch of the family. There are various formats one can use. I made up my own style, one which was the easiest for me to follow. If you are making your own family tree, you are free to use any information from this book which may be useful to you.

The addresses of people are not given because now days everyone moves so much that the addresses would be out of date by the time this book was published, and because I do not want to be responsible for anyone getting on a mailing list unwillingly.

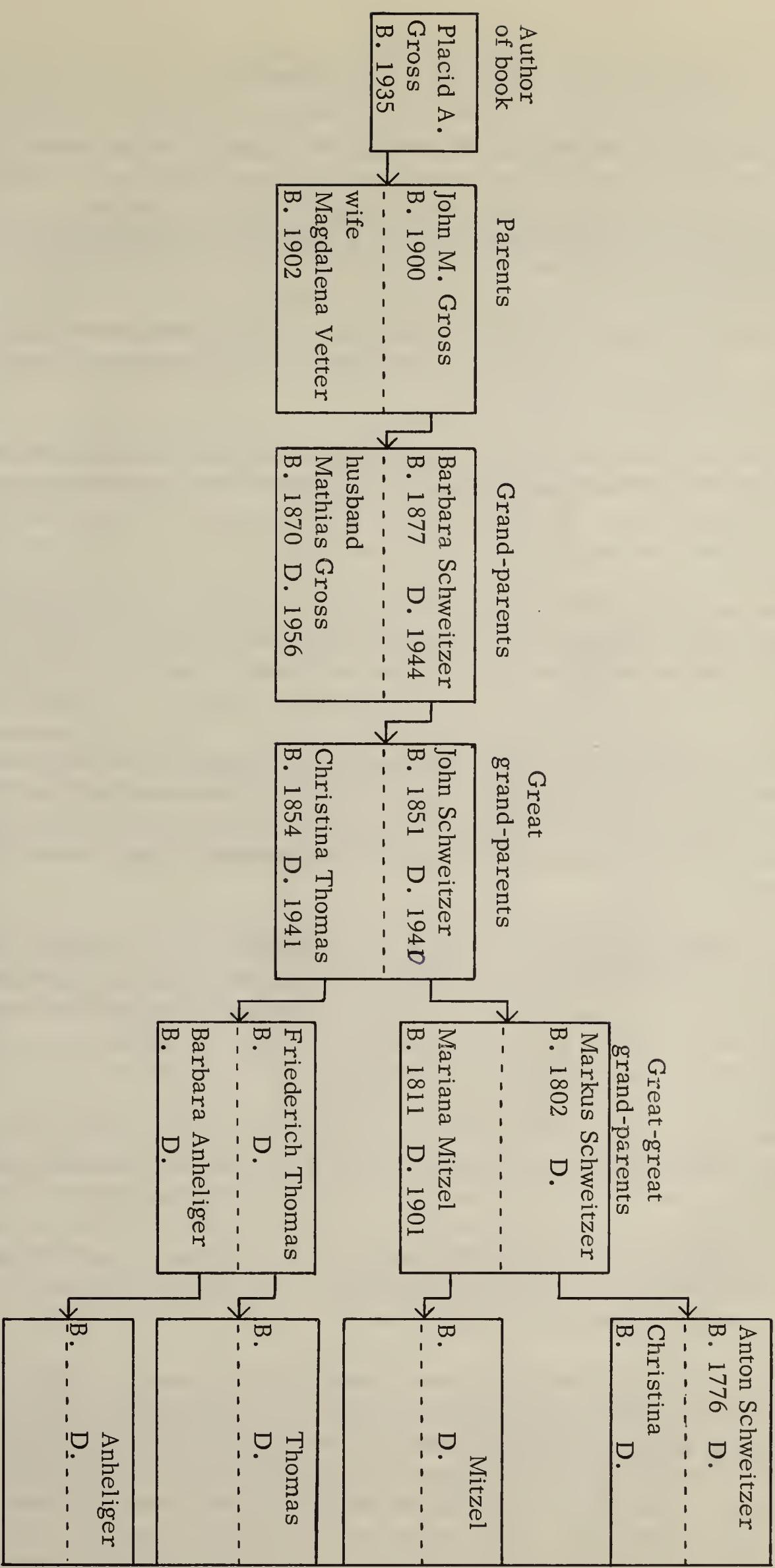
I apologize for any misspelled names or wrong dates that might appear. I ask you to please send me the corrections for any errors you might find.

For several families the information is not complete; a few families did not answer my letters. If you see a name listed without a partner the person might not be married or the name of the partner simply wasn't available. Some of the family have been divorced and remarried; in this case only the present spouse is listed.

The entire book is set up in such a way that you can easily make additions as they happen. In the empty spaces, you can write in your own bits of interesting information about your family. You can also open the pins on the cover to add pages to start your own individual family tree.

My thanks and sincere gratitude go out to all who helped me get all this information together; without this help this book would not have been possible. I appreciate your letters and words of encouragement, and it is a real pleasure to meet so many nice relatives whom I come in contact with through this project.

Brother Placid Alois Gross, O.S.B.
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Using the above illustration as an example, you can work out your own genealogy. Substitute your own name in the first square and your parents in the second, etc. You must remember that this chart is only on one section of the Family Tree (the Schweitzer). If you list all your ancestors, you will need a much larger piece of paper as the list always doubles because you have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grand parents, sixteen great-great-grandparents, thirty-two great-great-great-grandparents.

Great-great-great-
grand parents

A SHORT HISTORY

Our ancestors are usually called German-Russian, but in reality they are not Russian at all, but only Germans who lived on Russian soil for less than 100 years. In the years they lived in Russia, they kept their German dialect, their customs in food and clothing. They kept their German names and did not intermarry with the Russian people.

In western Europe in the late 1700's there was political unrest, and wars between nations. There were crop failures and famine. The people were over populated and needed "lebensraum" (room to live).

About this time Russia gained new land in South Russia after defeating and pushing out the Turks; new peoples were needed to settle and cultivate this recently acquired fertile land. The Empress Catherine decided to bring in German farmers who would serve as models for the Russian peasants who were not skilled in agriculture.

The basis for the organized settlement of foreigners, especially Germans, was provided by the "Manifesto" of Empress Catherine II of July 22, 1763. A large number of people went to Russia at this time and settled near the Volga River. The Russian government was so pleased with this arrangement that the grandson of Catherine, Alexander I, repeated the invitation on February 20, 1804. The second large migration took place from 1804-1817. Our Schweitzer ancestors who went in 1809 were part of this second large migration. These people were settled mostly around the Black Sea area in Southern Russia; the principal city in this area was Odessa on the sea coast. It is estimated that about 100,000 Germans immigrated to Russia between 1763-1862.

These migrants usually traveled and settled in organized groups with a leader. There was much sickness and hardship along the way, and many of them died enroute. Some groups went down the river as far as they could on small boats while others made the entire trip on land by ox carts and on foot. It usually took them about five months to reach their destination in Russia.

The points of greatest interest in the promises by the Russian Government included unhindered and free practice of religion, freedom from military service for all time, free land, (each family received about 160 acres and would be able to buy more) plus many tax exemptions. In the "Manifesto of 1804" the Russian government limited immigration to skilled farmers and craftsmen, and decreed that only married family men could get the land grant. Immigrants also had to possess a certain amount of property or cash.

Settlements of these people were carefully pre-planned. They lived in villages called "dorfer". The dorf was layed out along a wide straight road, with houses in neat rows on each side. Each house had a big yard in the rear, for the barns and animals. The pasture for the horses, cows, pigs and geese was shared in common. The church, school and administration buildings and the well for water were located in the center of the dorf. Each family had its own crop land out in the country. Some of these fields were several miles out, so that during harvest time the entire family often camped in the fields all week while everybody helped with the work.

In this new and fertile land of southern Russia the German Colonists worked hard, prospered and enjoyed life. Under these flourishing conditions the population increased rapidly. The original 300 dorfer increased and spread out so that by 1914 there were over 3,000 villages. In only 140 years the population of Germans in Russia increased by over 700 percent.

Up to the mid 19th century everything had been going well for the German people; in fact, things were going too well. Now the Russians were becoming jealous and the government was weakening. Our ancestors and relatives tell of many incidents where their horses and other property was stolen by Russians. The thieves were not prosecuted, and the Germans were helpless to defend themselves.

On June 4, 1871, under Alexander II, the Colonists' code of rights was taken away. In general everything seemed to turn against them. At this time land for further expansion was becoming scarce and too expensive to buy. Many of the colonists began to think about leaving Russia.

In 1862 President Lincoln had signed the "Homestead Act" which was a happy coincidence for the Germans in Russia. The United States needed people to settle in the plains states to link the east to the west and offered each homesteader 160 acres of free land. Of course, the homesteader also had to meet certain obligations before the land finally became his.

The Canadian Parliament passed the "Dominion Lands Act" in 1872; this was modeled after the American "Homestead Act". Brazil, Argentina and several other South American countries also pursued aggressive immigration policies at that time. It is estimated that about 300,000 Germans from Russia, eventually settled in North and South America.

This emigration from Russia continued up to the time World War I began in 1914 when all emigration was stopped. This resulted in many families being separated for life. Many of the people who had left Russia before 1914 never heard from, or of, their brothers and sisters, or even their parents again.

As early as 1915 the German people in Russia began to be actually persecuted. From then through World War II they were starved to death, were shot at home or were deported to Siberia to work in labor camps. All this for no other reason except that they were German. Even to this day none of the surviving Germans from South Russia are allowed to return to their former home dorf.

This short sketch is not meant to be a piece of scholarly research into the history of our ancestors. It is only meant to be a very brief outline which tries to give a general idea of why and how so many people got to Russia and later to the Americas.

Several good books dealing with the history of our people have been published in recent years: Paradise On The Steppes by Dr. Joseph S. Height; The Emigration From Germany To Russia In The Years 1763 to 1862 by Karl Stumpp; The German Russians by Karl Stumpp. For more detailed study of the German Russians in North Dakota there is From The Steppes To The Prairies by Monsignor George P. Aberle, Dickinson, ND.

There are two new organizations that are doing much to create an interest in and to preserve our rich heritage. These two organizations are the North Dakota Historical Society of Germans from Russia, with headquarters in Bismarck, ND and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Part of a map of Germany

and Alsace-Lorraine where
our ancestors lived before
migrating to Russia.



THE THOMAS ANCESTRY OF THE SCHWEITZER FAMILY TREE

Friederich Thomas, great-great-grandfather of the author, went to Russia as a young man; his parents, however, did not go to Russia. Friederich was married to Barbara Anheliger.

In Russia Friederich's occupation was a taxi driver, that is, a taxi with horses and buggy. One day while traveling alone, he was killed by bandits and his horses and buggy were stolen. Several days later the body was found but the family did not dare identify the body. If the police were to search for and punish the criminals, the Thomas family would have had to pay all the expenses. They did not have the money to pay for that so they had to keep quiet. No dates are available except that Friederich was killed when he was about 45 years old. His widow, Barbara, was still alive when her children started emigrating to America in the late 1800's.

The above story was told to the author in 1973 by two of Friederich's grandchildren, Mrs. Balzer Wald, Bismarck, ND. and Mr. John Schweitzer, Timber Lake, SD.

CHILDREN OF FRIEDERICH THOMAS AND BARBARA ANHELIGER

FRANK was married six times. His last wife was Rosa. Some of his descendants lived around Orrin and Karlsruhe, ND.

MICHAEL was married to Margaretha Schneider. They lived at Strasburg, ND. Two of their children are John and Michael Thomas.

MARGARETHA married Frank Baumgartner. They settled near Strasburg, ND. They had ten children: Anton, married Marian Weller; Joseph married Christina Schumacher; Barbara married Peter Schweitzer; Margaretha married Balzer Wald; Juliana died at age 16; Peter married Caroline Nold; Katherina married Bernard Fix and later Lawrence Klein; Christina married Sebastian Materi (she died in a house fire near Napoleon, ND) Mariana married Andrew Scherr; and Frank who died at age five.

CHRISTINA married John Schweitzer. Their descendants are the subject of this book.

SABINA married Ludwig Mattern. Their children were Barbara, Mariana, Theresia, Baltesar (who married Rosalia Wald), Franz, Joseph, Anton, Agatha (who married a Wangler and lives at Browerville, MN), Conrad, Katherine, and Friederich.

MARIANA married Conrad Schlosser. Their children are Frank, Mariana, Paulina, Conrad, Nicholas, and Michael.

PETER died young in Russia.

This is by no means intended as a complete listing of the Thomas relationship. Rather it is hoped that these few names listed might possibly help someone else get started on the Thomas Family Tree.

FIRST SCHWEITZER ANCESTOR MIGRATES TO RUSSIA

This history of the Schweitzer family starts with Anton Schweitzer who went to Russia with his family in 1809. No effort was made here to do any research in Alsace where the family lived before this date. Possibly some future researcher could find a lot of interesting and important data in Alsace.

In 1816 census records were taken in Russia and these records are now printed in Karl Stumpp's book The Emigration From Germany In The Years 1763 to 1862. The records are very sketchy indeed, but often they do supply the missing link.

The census record of March 12, 1816 states that Anton Schweitzer emigrated from the village of Mothern, in the district of Weissenburg in Lower Alsace (which now is a part of France). Anton and his family arrived in Russia October 8, 1809. The record also gives the information that they were Catholic and farmers by trade. They settled in the Dorf of Strasburg about 40 miles northwest of the city Odessa on the Black Sea.

FIRST GENERATION IN RUSSIA AND THE FIRST LISTED IN THIS BOOK

	BORN	DIED
Anton Schweitzer	1776	
Christina (his wife)	1781	

Children of Anton and Christina Schweitzer in 1816 were as follows:

Joseph	1798	1812
Markus	1802	Markus is the ancestor of the people in this book.
Mariana	1804	
Peter	1805	
Michael	1806	
Anton	1808	
John	1812	1815
Nicholas		1815

SECOND GENERATION IN RUSSIA

Markus Schweitzer was born in Alsace in 1802. He was seven when he immigrated into Russia with his parents, brothers and sisters. He was old enough to enjoy the adventures but, hopefully, too young to realize the dangers and hardships of the trip. Markus grew up in Strasburg, Russia, and married Mariana Mitzel who was born in 1811. She was either born in Russia or came to Russia as a very small child. Markus died at Strasburg, Russia. We don't know how old he was.

Mariana, the widow of Markus, came to America with her children in about 1893. At Hague, ND, she lived with her daughter Katherina (the Adam Gefree family). A few of the people I visited with who remember her are her granddaughters, Mrs. John Schmacher of Zeeland, ND and Mrs. Jacob Brickner of Colonsay, Saskatchewan. There are only a few items that they could recall about her; they say she was old, walked with a cane, and that she had poor eye sight in her old age. She did, however, do chores around the house, such as mending clothes.

The church records at St. Aloysius, northeast of Hague, state that she was buried January 14, 1901, at the age of 89. She would have been born in 1811 or before January 14, in 1812. There is no grave marker with her name on it, but there are several wooden crosses from which the names have completely disappeared, so one of these could be hers.



Mrs. Markus (Mariana Mitzel) Schweitzer. Picture taken about 1886.

	BORN	DIED
Markus Schweitzer	1802	?
Mariana Mitzel	1811	Jan. 14, 1901

Children of Markus and Mariana Schweitzer. (They are not listed in their correct order of birth.)

CARL is buried at St. Anthony Cemetery, rural Napoleon, ND. He is the grandfather of Frances Burckhardt and Anton Schweitzer of Bismarck, ND.

PETER

MARKUS

JOHN married Christina Thomas; their descendants are listed in this book.

KATHERINA married Adam Geffre. Three of their grandchildren are Mrs. Mike Vetter, Mrs. Jacob Piatz, and Sebastian Schumacher of Napoleon, ND.

ROSALIA married Sebastian Lacher. Their history and all their descendants (several hundred in number) are traced in the History of Lacher Kinship by Karl A. Lacher printed in 1971.

ROSINA married Leopold Feist. Three of their children are Markus Feist, Linton, Mrs. Adam(Philipina) Masseth, Napoleon and Mrs. John (Cecilia) Bosch, Bismarck, ND.

ELIZABETH married Sebastian Wald. Their children were Conrad, Stanislaus, Sebastian, Marcus, Mrs. John (Katherine) Schumacher, Mrs. Balzer (Rosalia) Mattern. This large family takes in most of the Walds from around Napoleon, Zeeland, and Edgeley, many of the Schumachers from Linton and most of the Matterns from Strasburg, ND.

JULIANA married Jacob Kraft. Their descendants all live in Canada. Mr. L. P. Lean from Merritt, British Columbia, is working on this branch of the Family Tree. Mrs. Jacob (Katherine) Brickner of Colonsay, Saskatchewan, is one of the many grandchildren.

The above few names are given as a help for anyone from these families who might want to do their branch of the Schweitzer Family Tree. It would be impossible to include all their descendants in this book as there would surely be several thousand.

THIRD GENERATION IN THIS BOOK

John Schweitzer(the son of Markus and Mariana) and Christina Thomas, the girl who was to become his wife, were born and grew up in the Dorf of Strasburg, which is about 40 miles northwest of the city of Odessa, on the Black Sea in South Russia. They were married in Russia and had nine children when they decided to migrate to America in 1893. Three more children were born to them in ND.

They sold all their property in Strasburg for whatever they could get, bringing with them only a few small items and personal clothing. They traveled by train through Russia and western Europe to board a ship in either Germany or England.

Records in the Emmons County Courthouse at Linton, ND, indicate that Johannes Schweitzer arrived at the Port of New York in October of 1893. The records also show that he became an American citizen June 5, 1899. The wife and children became citizens automatically and did not have to apply for it.

At New York they again boarded a train and came as far west as Eureka, SD.

In June of 1887 the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul and Pacific Railroad had put in a branch line from Roscoe to Eureka, SD. The homesteaders in this area now had a shorter distance to travel by wagon than those who came previously.

From Eureka the immigrants still had about 50 miles cross country to Hague, ND, where homestead land was still available and where so many of their relatives had settled. Most likely some relatives had been notified of their coming and were waiting at the train depot with horse or ox team.

The nearby town of Strasburg, ND, got its name from the little Dorf in Russia and the little Dorf in Russia was named after the famous city Strasburg on the Rhine in Alsace. Our ancestors did not actually come from Strasburg in Alsace but from that general vicinity. It could be noted here that Hague, ND, originally was called Selz, again for a Dorf in Russia, which was a Dorf near Strasburg.

Upon their arrival in Emmons County our ancestors started looking for a piece of land they could call their own. Very likely they stayed with relatives the first weeks while their own sod house was being put up. The Schweitzers homesteaded about 14 miles northeast of present day Hague, ND. From the present St. Aloysius Church, the farm was about three quarters of a mile north and three quarters of a mile east. There is no farm there now.

Some pioneers tell the story that they lived out of the wagon box while building their sod houses. If rain or cold weather came along, they would tip the wagon box upside down for a shelter.

The virgin prairie sod was the most economical building material available. A furrow was plowed in the soil, then the turned-over-sod was cut into strips short enough to handle, about 24 inches long. These strips of sod were piled one on top of the other to build a wall. Poles from chokecherry trees along the creeks were laid across the walls to form a roof then smaller branches were laid and then twigs. Lastly these twigs were covered with sod to complete the roof.

These houses were warm in winter and cool in summer, but a good soaking rain would always soak through the roof and cause a dirty mess inside. This type of house was considered temporary, until such time the railroads could bring in lumber for better buildings and the pioneers had money to buy it. Some houses were constructed of sun-dried mud bricks and others of rocks from the fields. These latter two types were much more durable, and a few are still being occupied in 1974.

With the nearest town still about 50 miles away the pioneers learned to be self-sufficient. They raised large gardens and stored vegetables in the root cellar where they would keep through most of the winter. Sauerkraut was stomped in the big crocks. Watermelons were also pickled in big crocks.

Sausage and bacon were smoked and hung on rods in the granary. The hams were cured in brine in 50 gallon vinegar barrels. Even pigs feet were cleaned and made into a delicacy. The wheat was taken to Eureka where it was ground for flour. The ovens for

baking were built from home-made clay brick. The oven in turn would keep the house warm in winter (and hot in summer).

The fuel for heat and cooking was mainly dry cow chips collected from the pasture in summer. The manure from the barns in winter was also saved and processed into fuel for the stoves. This type of fuel was clean burning and did not cause an objectionable odor.

The ducks and geese were plucked to make good comfortable feather pillows and warm covers. The geese could be plucked two or three times each year. Only the soft downy feathers from the under-side were plucked and they would soon grow back again.

Some of the settlers had a few sheep and could make their own woolen sweaters, stockings, mittens and scarfs. After shearing, the wool was washed, dried and carded; next it was spun on the spinning wheel and dyed with various colors. Now it was ready for knitting.

The cows were milked by hand and the milk was not pasteurized, homogenized, or vitamin fortified. It was used for cooking, made into milk soup or cheese. The separated cream was made into butter and ice cream, was flavored with choke cherry jelly to make good bread dipping for breakfast.

At this time Eureka was the closest town in which they could sell their farm produce and do the shopping--if there was anything to sell or to buy. In the Fall of 1902 the tracks were put down as far as Zeeland, ND, and in the Spring of 1903 the tracks reached Linton. For many years the round house was located at Linton. With the coming of the railroads, small towns developed and traveling and shopping was a bit easier. The railroads brought in lumber for houses and all kinds of needed materials.

These Germans from Russia barely had a shelter over their heads when they started plans for a house of worship. Without their strong FAITH in a Power Above and a HOPE for a better future, and LOVE for their family and friends, they could not have endured the hardships and privations of pioneer life on the prairies. In the old country they had lived in a village with neighbors all around them. Here worship at church and the social activities connected with the church were almost the only respite they had from a life of toil and difficulties of all kinds. It was a sure place to meet the neighbors with whom you could discuss the frustrations of the past week and share the hopes and joys of the coming week.

In 1898 there were enough families in this area to support a parish so the people got together, organized, and built a church, which was dedicated to St. Aloysius. It is located near the little Beaver Creek and to this day is referred to as the "Creek Church". This church is about 13 miles north of Hague and about the same miles east of Strasburg. All our ancestors and relatives who went into Russia in the early 1800's are listed as Catholic. To this day almost 100 percent of the descendants adhere to the Catholic faith.

John Schweitzer was one of the trustees when the church was built and after that he accepted the role of "kirche vater" (church father). He would lead the congrega-



Mr. and Mrs. John Schweitzer

in this church. Mrs. Mariana Schweitzer, John's mother, who died in 1901 was one of the very first to be buried here.

In about 1909 John and Christina moved into Hague where they operated a store until 1917 when they sold it to their sons, Marcus and Anton.

By the mid 1930's six of the Schweitzer children had moved to the area of Glencross and Timber Lake, SD, so John and Christina also moved to Glencross. Here they were retired and lived to a ripe old age enjoying the company of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They are laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Glencross, SD.



tion in prayer before Mass started; when the priest couldn't come, he would lead them in additional prayers and hymns.

John's two daughters, Barbara and Mariana who had a double wedding Nov. 6, 1898, were the first couples to walk down the aisle to be united in Holy Matrimony

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND MARIANA MITZEL

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John (Christina Thomas)	Oct. 7, 1851 June 20, 1854		May 31, 1940 Aug. 17, 1941

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

Peter (Barbara Baumgartner)	Apr. 16, 1875 May 29, 1880	Oct. 10, 1899	June 1914 Oct. 19, 1968
Barbara (Mathias Gross)	Dec. 7, 1877 Aug. 23, 1870	Nov. 6, 1898	Oct. 28, 1944 Aug. 9, 1956
Mariana (Lorenz Senger)	Sept. 28, 1879 Feb. 17, 1875	Nov. 6, 1898	Oct. 31, 1947 Sept. 9, 1956
Sebastian (Martha Eberle)	June 19, 1881 June 14, 1885	Nov. 16, 1904	Feb. 25, 1972 Feb. 11, 1971
Dorothy (George Jundt)	Dec. 9, 1882 Dec. 17, 1875		July 1, 1927 June 24, 1910
Balzer (Margaret Schmaltz)	Feb. 2, 1884 Aug. 26, 1883	1907	Oct. 23, 1969
Anna (Nicholas Aberle)	Mar. 16, 1887 Nov. 25, 1881	1906	Mar. 19, 1937 Feb. 17, 1961
Joseph (Maria Eva Bernhardt)	Jan. 26, 1889 Apr. 5, 1890	Nov. 5, 1910	Mar. 14, 1971 Dec. 24, 1969
Christina (John Kraft)	Apr. 10, 1892 Jan. 12, 1886	Nov. 4, 1910	July 15, 1949 Feb. 8, 1953
John (Clara Thomas) (Clarabelle Myer Schwartz)	Feb. 21, 1894 Apr. 16, 1893	Sept. 8, 1913 May 11, 1966	Feb. 1962
Marcus (Armelia Fischer)	Mar. 4, 1896 Oct. 23, 1898	Oct. 24, 1917	Mar. 18, 1960 Apr. 6, 1970
Anton (Barbara Sahli)	Mar. 6, 1899 Sept. 23, 1903	Aug. 17, 1925	

Three other babies died in infancy.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

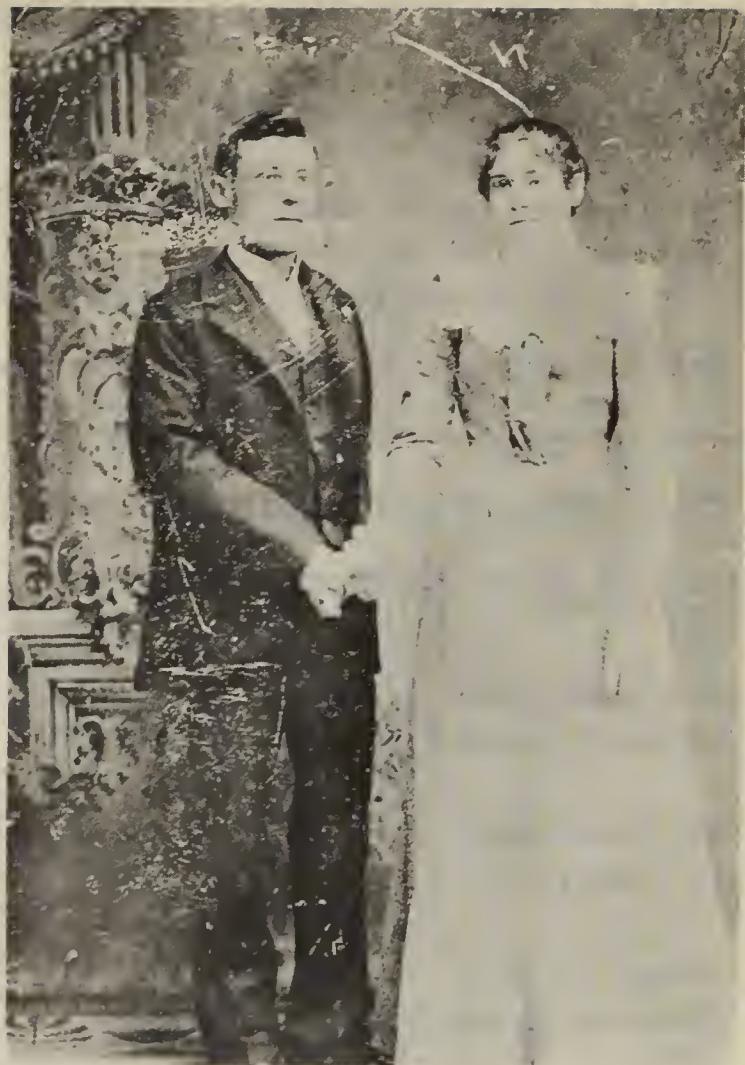
Peter, the oldest child in the family, came to the United States with his parents in 1893 when he was 17 years old. He farmed with his parents and worked for the newspaper in Winona and Linton, ND until he got married to Barbara Baumgartner in 1899. Peter and Barbara were both born in Strasburg, South Russia.

Peter tried several different occupations. He was a farmer, store keeper, school teacher, Register of Deeds at Linton from 1901-1904; and later he operated a lumber yard at Shields, ND. From there he went to Glendive, MT, in search of another job and was making arrangements to have the family moved there.

One day in June of 1914 he went to work as usual but didn't return in the evening. No trace or evidence of him was ever found after that. On several occasions it was reported that he was seen here, or seen there, but all clues always turned out to be false.

What most people agree on is that he got into an argument or fight over money matters and he was killed and his body disposed of. At that time the police force was not that organized and no clue ever turned up.

His widow never quite gave up hope of his return and lived in a little house in Linton until her death in 1968. She was laid to rest in SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Strasburg, ND.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schweitzer
October 10, 1899

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Peter Balzer Schweitzer (Barbara Christina Baumgartner)	Apr. 16, 1875 May 29, 1880	Disappeared in June Oct. 10, 1899	1914 Oct. 19, 1968
Both were born in Strasburg, South Russia			

CHILDREN OF PETER AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

Christina	May 1900	July 1907
Clara Margaret (Allan Francis Dyer)	Aug. 20, 1901 Sept. 28, 1906	July 14, 1928
Maria Marie Not Married	Dec. 12, 1905	
Peter Wendelin (Blanche Bedingfield) (Mildred Harding)	Oct. 10, 1907	1938
John	1908	1908
Barbara	Feb. 20, 1909	Sept. 1914
Francis Dennis	July 22, 1911	Sept. 1912

DAUGHTER OF PETER SCHWEITZER AND BARBARA BAUMGARTNER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Clara Margaret (Allan Francis Dyer) Linton, ND	Aug. 20, 1901 Sept. 28, 1906	July 14, 1928	

CHILDREN OF ALLAN AND CLARA DYER

James Allan	Apr. 20, 1929	Sept. 4, 1952
		Died in car accident while in the Navy.
Margaret Mary (Homer Mascall Brock)	Sept. 6, 1930 Jan. 9, 1924	Jan. 23, 1954
Dennis Vincent (Patricia Ann Knott)	Feb. 15, 1935 Sept. 6, 1935	Dec. 26, 1955

DAUGHTER OF PETER SCHWEITZER AND BARBARA BAUMGARTNER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Maria Marie Portland, Oregon Not Married	Dec. 12, 1905		

SON OF PETER SCHWEITZER AND BARBARA BAUMGARTNER

Peter Wendelin (Blanche Bedingfield) (Mildred Harding) Stockton, CA	Oct. 10, 1907	1938
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No children



Children of Mathias and Barbara Gross sitting with their spouses standing behind.

John and Magdalena Gross, Kasper and Eva Schatz, Mike and Elizabeth Aberle, Mrs. Anton (Christina) Vetter (widow), Gabe and Katherine Aberle, Ray and Benedicta Kotta, Peter and Barbara Brendel.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Barbara was born in the Dorf of Strasburg which is located northwest of the big city of Odessa in Southern Russia. She was the second child but the first girl in the family so was named Barbara after her maternal grandmother.

Very few actual facts are known about her life under the Czar in Russia.

However, we know that she helped in the fields with the plowing, seeding, harvesting and threshing. At home she carried water from the city well for the washing and the household needs. Besides learning all the skills of housekeeping, she did her share of the work in caring for her many little brothers and sisters.



Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Gross

In 1893 when Barbara was 16 the family decided to pull stakes and follow their many friends and relatives to America where things seemed more promising for a growing family. Here they settled near present day Hague, ND.

It was a happy occasion on November 6, 1898, when Barbara and her next youngest sister Mariana got married in a double wedding ceremony. Barbara married Mathias Gross, a former soldier who had served five years in the Russian army but was now a farmer in Logan County. Mariana became the bride of Lorenz Senger. This double wedding was the first wedding in the new St. Aloysius Church.

In the Napoleon Courthouse it is recorded that they were married by Rev. Fr. Stephen Stenger of Selz, P.O. Emmons County. The witnesses were Anthony Bachmeier, Adam Goefrey and Joseph Senger. The priest lived at St. John's Church north of Zeeland, but the post office address was Selz. Selz is now the town of Hague, ND. The St. John's Church records were moved to Zeeland in 1971.

Mathias and Barbara took a homestead in Shell Butte Township in Logan County. This farm, 13 miles south and 2 miles west of Napoleon, ND is in the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 133 and Range 73. At the time of this writing (in 1974) the farm is owned and operated by their youngest daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Peter (Barbara) Brendel.

The original home, made of adobe brick, was replaced by a tall square wooden house in 1916.

The school district here was appropriately named "Mannheim" for the dorf where the Grosses had come from in Russia. The word is German for "home of man".

Barbara became a victim of dropsy and suffered much the last years of her life. She died at the age of 67 in St. Alexius Hospital, in Bismarck, ND and was laid to rest in St. Anthony Parish Cemetery, about three-quarters of a mile north of their home.

As a point of interest I could add here that St. Anthony Church used to be known as the "Logan County church" because it was the first Catholic church in that county. St. Aloysius Church still is called the "creek church" because it is near Beaver Creek. St. John's, north of Zeeland, was the "McIntosh church" as it was in McIntosh County. It was also called the "Mutter Kirche" (the "Mother church") since it was the first Catholic church in a big area east of the Missouri River, encompassing all of McIntosh, Logan and Emmons counties.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Barbara Rose (Mathias Gross)	Dec. 7, 1877 Aug. 23, 1870	Nov. 6, 1898	Oct. 28, 1944 Aug. 9, 1956

CHILDREN OF MATHIAS AND BARBARA GROSS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John (Magdalena Vetter)	Feb. 26, 1900 Sept. 27, 1902	Nov. 13, 1922	
Mathias			1902
Wendelin			1903
Eva (Kasper Schatz)	Oct. 3, 1905 Jan. 22, 1903	Dec. 29, 1925	
Elizabeth (Mike Aberle)	June 1, 1908 June 13, 1907	Nov. 3, 1928	
Christine (Anton A. Vetter)	Dec. 27, 1911 July 30, 1909	Oct. 25, 1932	Oct. 18, 1962
Katherine (Gabriel Aberle)	Aug. 18, 1914 Sept. 5, 1913	Oct. 10, 1934	
Benedicta (Alois Millner) (Raymond Kotta)	May 23, 1916 May 9, 1915 Apr. 9, 1916	May 1940 June 5, 1954	Feb. 3, 1950
Barbara (Peter Brendel)	Sept. 4, 1919 Aug. 21, 1918	Sept. 21, 1943	

SON OF MATHIAS GROSS AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John	Feb. 26, 1900		
(Catherine Kocher)	Apr. 22, 1903	Oct. 18, 1921	Sept. 1, 1922
She died at childbirth, her baby Adam was buried with her.			
(Magdalena Vetter)	Sept. 27, 1902	Nov. 13, 1922	
Napoleon, ND			

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MAGDALENA GROSS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Mathias	Oct. 7, 1923		
(Barbara Weigel)	Oct. 16, 1924	Oct. 29, 1945	
John	Nov. 7, 1924		
(Margaret Schaeffer)	Dec. 13, 1927	Feb. 3, 1947	
Elizabeth	Dec. 12, 1925		
(Anton Schatz)	Dec. 21, 1925	Nov. 26, 1946	
Clara	Apr. 7, 1927		
(Adam Braun)	June 22, 1920	June 9, 1947	
Cecelia	May 26, 1928		July 8, 1928
Andrew	May 25, 1929		
(Agnes Weigel)	Aug. 20, 1929	May 25, 1954	
Benedict	Sept. 1, 1930		
(Christine Weinmann)	Aug. 24, 1934	Feb. 14, 1955	
Valentine	Feb. 20, 1932		
(Gean (Genevieve) Masseth)	May 3, 1937	June 25, 1957	
Anna Marie	Jan. 27, 1934		
(Louie Schneider)	Jan. 4, 1929	Nov. 12, 1956	
Alois (Brother Placid)	June 24, 1935		
Entered Monastery Dec. 1, 1957. Professed vows July 11, 1959 Assumption Abbey Richardton, ND			
Joseph	Mar. 11, 1937		Apr. 6, 1937
Richard	June 17, 1938		
Ordained Priest June 8, 1963 at St. Anthony Church, Napoleon, ND.			
Baby boy no name	July 12, 1940		July 12, 1940
Pius	Oct. 4, 1942		
(Madelina Hunkler)	Apr. 3, 1943	Jan. 7, 1967	
Isadore George	May 9, 1945		
Leo Vincent	Dec. 28, 1946		
(Lorraine Kraft)	Apr. 14, 1947	Nov. 13, 1970	

DAUGHTER OF MATTHIAS GROSS AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Eva (Kasper Schatz) Zeeland, ND	Oct. 3, 1905 Jan. 22, 1903	Dec. 29, 1925	

CILDREN OF EVA AND KASPER SCHATZ

Ida Marion (Joe Engelhardt)	Jan. 26, 1928 May 23, 1928	Aug. 30, 1948	
Angela Christine (Aloys Mastel)	Jan. 18, 1930 Aug. 4, 1931	Sept. 29, 1952	
Barbara Jane (Aloys Zacher)	Aug. 12, 1931 Oct. 5, 1929	June 1, 1953	
Matthias Glen	May 17, 1933		
Leo John (Katherine Miller)	Feb. 16, 1935 June 20, 1938	Nov. 24, 1958	
Joseph Anthony (Juliana Miller)	Nov. 28, 1937 Dec. 30, 1940	Aug. 23, 1961	
Marianne Elizabeth (Walter Brandner)	Nov. 30, 1939 Aug. 11, 1938	May 29, 1961	
Thomas Francis (JoAnn Tassler)	Sept. 19, 1942 Feb. 15, 1944	Dec. 28, 1963	

DAUGHTER OF MATTHIAS GROSS AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Elizabeth (Mike Aberle) Edgeley, ND	June 1, 1908 June 13, 1907	Nov. 3, 1928	

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH AND MIKE ABERLE

Christine (John Long)	Dec. 29, 1930 Sept. 16, 1926	May 30, 1949
Imelda (Clement Long)	Dec. 26, 1932 Feb. 3, 1928	May 14, 1951
Richard (Lorraine Pomplun)	Sept. 21, 1936 June 9, 1937	July 3, 1958
Lillian Benita (Richard Schmidt)	Nov. 26, 1939 July 24, 1936	Oct. 6, 1957
Myron Simon (Jane Mitzel)	Nov. 28, 1942 Mar. 26, 1945	Nov. 28, 1964
Theresa Gloria (Donald Davis)	July 1, 1944 Aug. 5, 1944	June 27, 1964
Marcella Bernadette (Gary Neuman)	Mar. 21, 1947 June 7, 1948	July 5, 1971

DAUGHTER OF MATTHIAS GROSS AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christine (Anton Vetter) Napoleon, ND	Dec. 27, 1911 July 30, 1909	Oct. 25, 1932	Oct. 18, 1962

CHILDREN OF CHRISTINE AND ANTON VETTER

Martin (Eileen Sperle)	Aug. 19, 1933 July 13, 1936	May 13, 1957
Matthias (Ellen Johs)	Sept. 30, 1934 Oct. 25, 1936	Feb. 25, 1957
Joseph T. (Geneva Feist)	Aug. 28, 1936 Nov. 6, 1938	Oct. 8, 1958
Alois (Maria Anna Weigel)	Nov. 25, 1937 Mar. 26, 1942	Dec. 29, 1960
Christine (Alfred Bitz)	Nov. 16, 1940	Dec. 28, 1973
Anton Jr. (Bernice Wald)	July 25, 1942 Oct. 6, 1946	Oct. 2, 1965
Irene Johanna (Joe Kuhn)	May 30, 1944 Aug. 12, 1937	Nov. 20, 1965
Lorena (Joe Aberle)	July 18, 1946 May 17, 1945	June 3, 1967
Richard	Apr. 25, 1948	
Marcella (Gene Goven)	Mar. 24, 1951	Oct. 20, 1973
Barbara Ann	Jan. 6, 1956	

DAUGHTER OF MATTHIAS GROSS AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Katherine (Gabriel Aberle) Fargo, ND	Aug. 18, 1914 Sept. 5, 1913	Oct. 10, 1934	

CHILDREN OF KATHERINE AND GABRIEL ABERLE

Imelda	Oct. 13, 1935	1936
Anna (Floyd Brown)	Mar. 27, 1938	July 2, 1962
Frances (Sylvester Rickers)	May 6, 1939 Feb. 7, 1933	Aug. 20, 1956
Matthias (Rose Mary Ruschiensky)	Oct. 28, 1941 Sept. 16, 1942	Nov. 9, 1963
Gabriel Jr. (Nancy Johnson)	Oct. 27, 1943 July 23, 1944	July 31, 1962
Zachary (Marian Alice Kading)	Aug. 11, 1946 Aug. 28, 1945	July 17, 1965

DAUGHTER OF MATTHIAS GROSS AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Benedicta	May 23, 1916		
(Alois Millner)	May 9, 1915	May 1940	Feb. 3, 1950
(Raymond Kotta)	Apr. 9, 1916	June 5, 1954	
Roseau, MN			

CHILDREN OF BENEDICTA AND ALOIS MILLNER

Rose Marie (George Goeser)	Apr. 3, 1941 Sept. 14, 1937	June 24, 1961	
Alex John (Norene Patton)	Mar. 1, 1942 Dec. 29, 1944	Aug. 31, 1963	
Eugene Lawrence (Eunice Marie Janicke)	Mar. 10, 1943 July 8, 1943	Sept. 14, 1963	
Mark (Alois) (Elaine Kraft)	Apr. 7, 1944	Apr. 4, 1970	
Benedicta Margaret (James Alvin Benoit)	Apr. 13, 1945 Dec. 27, 1944	June 14, 1969	
Lawrence James (Marlys Ann Delorme)	Nov. 29, 1946 May 19, 1947	Apr. 27, 1968	

CHILDREN OF BENEDICTA AND RAYMOND KOTTA

Mary Ellen	May 6, 1955	
Ray Allan	July 27, 1956	
Jo Ann	Jan. 14, 1959	
Shirley Ann	June 4, 1961	

DAUGHTER OF MATTHIAS GROSS AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Barbara (Peter Brendel) Napoleon, ND	Sept. 4, 1919 Aug. 21, 1918	Sept. 21, 1943	

CHILDREN OF BARBARA AND PETER BRENDL

Albert John (Patricia Helen Gross)	June 17, 1944 July 10, 1947	July 2, 1966
Betty Ann (Clarence Jahner)	Oct. 17, 1945 June 3, 1941	Sept. 28, 1963
Matthias Paul (Elizabeth Marie Wald)	Sept. 8, 1948 May 25, 1952	Apr. 12, 1971
Peter Jr. (Elaine Buechler)	Oct. 19, 1951	Sept. 14. 1974
Phyllis Benita (Eugene Meidinger)	July 20, 1953	May 6, 1972
Raphael Allen	June 22, 1957	
Bernadette	Mar. 1, 1961	



Lorenz Senger Family, 1915, Front row, left to right: John, father Lorenz, Christina, Leo, mother Mariana, Katherina, Back row: Mathias, Dorothy, Barbara, not pictured: Marian.



Senger boys, 1961: Left to right:
Leo, John, Mathias.



Senger girls, 1961: Left to right:
Marian, Katherina, Christina,
Barbara, Dorothy.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Mariana Schweitzer was 14 when she came to America with her family in 1893. On November 6, 1898, she was married in a double wedding with her sister Barbara, the first wedding in the newly built Saint Aloysius Catholic Church north of Hague, ND.

She and her husband, Lorenz Senger, farmed near Strasburg where they raised their large family. Later they retired to Strasburg and, later were buried in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery there.

Lorenz (Lawrence) came to America at age 16; he was the son of Michael and Barbara Senger. Michael is also buried at Strasburg, ND.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Mariana Schweitzer (Lorenz Senger)	Sept. 28, 1879 Feb. 17, 1875	Nov. 6, 1898	Oct. 31, 1947 Sept. 9, 1956

CHILDREN OF LORENZ AND MARIANA SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Mathias (Martha Kraft)	Dec. 24, 1899 Aug. 18, 1899		Feb. 22, 1963 Sept. 21, 1947
Dorothy (Joseph Schneider)	Sept. 11, 1901 May 7, 1899	Nov. 8, 1920	
Barbara (Anton Schweitzer)	Apr. 5, 1903 Sept. 6, 1903		1925
Leo (Eva Hauer)	Apr. 8, 1905 Sept. 23, 1904	Nov. 3, 1925	
John (Frances Kelsch)	Oct. 5, 1907 July 14, 1907		July 23, 1970
Christina (Paul B. Schumacher)	Sept. 23, 1909 Jan. 14, 1910	Oct. 13, 1929	
Katherine (Gabriel Kraft)	June 23, 1914	Oct. 3, 1933	Jan. 9 1965
Michael	1915		1917
Marian (Ephraim Just)	Feb. 1, 1917 Jan. 15, 1913	Dec. 16, 1935	Apr. 8, 1965

SON OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Mathias (Martha Kraft)	Dec. 24, 1899 Aug. 18, 1899		Feb. 22, 1963 Sept. 21, 1947

CHILDREN OF MATHIAS AND MARTHA SENGER

Joseph	Nov. 13, 1919	Killed in service 1944
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Sabina (James Marshall)	Dec. 13, 1923 Oct. 10, 1916	July 1, 1947
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Sabina's first husband, Jack [redacted] and Mrs. Mathias Kraft died at the same time in a swimming accident Sept. 21, 1947.

DAUGHTER OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Dorothy (Joseph Schneider) Bismarck, ND	Sept. 11, 1901 May 7, 1899	Nov. 8, 1920	

CILDREN OF JOSEPH AND DOROTHY SCHNEIDER

Lawrence (Carol Larson)	Apr. 10, 1922 May 2, 1921	Nov. 6, 1943
Joseph (Angie Klein)	July 30, 1923 Oct. 23, 1923	July 25, 1944

DAUGHTER OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Barbara (Anton Schweitzer) Bismarck, ND	Apr. 5, 1903 Sept. 6, 1903		1925

CHILDREN OF ANTON AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

John (Clara Reis)	Apr. 11, 1926 July 4, 1926	May 24, 1950
Irene (William Senger)	May 2, 1930 Nov. 23, 1929	Nov. 30, 1963

SON OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Leo (Eva Hauer) Linton, ND	Apr. 8, 1905 Sept. 23, 1904	Nov. 3, 1925	

CHILDREN OF LEO AND EVA SENGER

Frances (Joseph A. Meier)	Oct. 5, 1926 Sept. 26, 1924	Oct. 29, 1946
Rose Mary (Alvin Wald)	May 15, 1940 June 19, 1931	Nov. 24, 1958

SON OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John Senger (Frances Kelsch) Linton, ND	Oct. 5, 1907 July 14, 1907		July 23, 1970

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND FRANCES SENGER

Paul (Frances Hilzendeger)	Aug. 26, 1931 July 18, 1935
Pauline (John A Sander)	Aug. 26, 1931 Nov. 15, 1930

DAUGHTER OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christine (Paul B. Schumacher) Bismarck, ND	Sept. 23, 1909 Jan. 14, 1910		Oct. 13, 1929

CHILDREN OF PAUL AND CHRISTINE SCHUMACHER

Clara (Eugene E. Lacher)	Mar. 30, 1931 Feb. 18, 1926	Oct. 12, 1949
Ann (Jerome Houn)	Jan. 29, 1933 July 3, 1931	Oct. 11, 1953
Leo P.	May 2, 1934	
Anton P. (Theresa Hulm)	June 23, 1936 July 22, 1940	Apr. 10, 1956
Raymond (Betty Baumgartner)	June 11, 1940 June 14, 1944	Sept. 30, 1961
William J. (Mary Baumgartner)	Apr. 2, 1942 June 13, 1948	Nov. 26, 1966
Dorothy	Apr. 9, 1946	
Thomas John (Alice Piatz)	July 2, 1947	Sept. 30, 1967
James	Apr. 15, 1949	

DAUGHTER OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Katherine (Gabriel Kraft) Lamoure, ND	June 23, 1914 Sept. 29, 1912	Oct. 2, 1933	Jan. 9, 1965

CHILDREN OF KATHERINE AND GABRIEL KRAFT

Dorothy Delores (Alfred Edward Phillips)	Nov. 8, 1934 July 18, 1929	Sept. 12, 1951
Lawrence (Lee Evelyn Wagner)	Oct. 10, 1937 Jan. 25, 1940	Oct. 15, 1960
Margaret Marie (Harry Van Dyke)	Feb. 4, 1939 Feb. 18, 1934	Apr. 8, 1958
Beverly M. (Lawrence Edward Moran)	Mar. 13, 1941 Aug. 14, 1940	Aug. 11, 1962
Carol Lee Kathryn (Donavon Lee Hottman)	Nov. 20, 1949 Mar. 20, 1948	June 17, 1972
Gary Gabriel (Linda Diane Klima)	June 9, 1953 July 9, 1953	May 26, 1973

DAUGHTER OF MARIANA SCHWEITZER AND LORENZ SENGER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Marian (Ephraim Just) Fargo, ND	Feb. 1, 1917 Jan. 15, 1913	Dec. 16, 1935	Apr. 8, 1965

CILDREN OF EPHRAIM AND MARIAN JUST

Marie (Kenneth P. Feist)	June 14, 1936 Sept. 21, 1935	Apr. 26, 1957	
Bertha Bernice	June 29, 1941		June 3, 1971
She was a victim of Cerebral Palsy.			



Sebastian Schweitzer family 1938

Front left to right: Dorothy, Bertha, father Sebastian, mother Martha, Adelheid, Katherine.

Back Left to right: Mathias, Thadeus, Peter, Christine, Mike, John.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Sebastian, born at Strasburg, Russia, was 12 years old when he came to America with his parents in 1893. His wife to be, Martha Eberle, was also born in Russia. After their marriage in 1904, they farmed seven miles north of Hague, ND. until 1918. They soon needed more land for their growing family so in 1918 they decided to move "across the river" to Glencross, SD where Indian Reservation land had recently been opened for settlement.

Three families organized and moved together. They drove about 30 head of cattle, and used horses to pull the wagons loaded with furniture, household items, and small farm implements. Their son, John, who was nine years old, recalls that he drove the wagon with the chickens and small pigs.

At Mobridge they crossed the river on a ferry and when the ferry got hung up in low water and pushing with paddles didn't help, they pushed out the horses so the ferry lifted enough to get past all the sand bars. Along today's highways it would be about 90 miles from Hague to Glencross but then it took five days, from early Tuesday morning until Saturday evening, before they arrived at their destination.

The men had gone to Glencross earlier in the year to get things ready and

had build a granary 16' by 20' where the Schweitzer family of 10 lived for 16 months, until the house was finished. The shed had a small loft where the children slept.

They did not get a homestead but bought the land through a real estate agent. The first quarter was obtained for \$21.00 an acre and the second quarter for \$22.00 an acre.

After raising their large family, Sebastian and Martha retired to the little town of Glencross and both lived to a ripe old age. They were happy to see most of their children able to obtain land nearly, and they had the good fortune to enjoy their childrens' children.

They are buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timber Lake, SD.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Sebastian (Martha Eberle)	June 19, 1881 June 14, 1885	Nov. 16, 1904	Feb. 25, 1972 Feb. 11, 1971

CHILDREN OF SEBASTIAN AND MARTHA SCHWEITZER

Mike (Elizabeth Senger)	Feb. 2, 1906 July 26, 1911	Oct. 29, 1929	
Peter (Frances Thomas)	Jan. 17, 1908 Sept. 15, 1907	Oct. 29, 1929	
John (Magdalena Keller)	Sept. 29, 1909 June 15, 1911	Nov. 3, 1931	
Katherina (Wendelin Senger)	Oct. 29, 1911 Nov. 10, 1906	Nov. 3, 1931	
Christina (Valentine Keller)	Aug. 24, 1913 Nov. 14, 1905	Nov. 3, 1931	
Dorothy (Frank Silbernagel)	Apr. 30, 1915 Feb. 22, 1911	Oct. 16, 1934	
Adelheid Zecilia (Ralph Leon Hollister)	Nov. 7, 1916 June 9, 1918		
Martha Alisia	Oct. 24, 1918		Mar. 1919
Mathias (Anna Hulm)	May 23, 1920 Jan. 23, 1927	May 20, 1946	
Thadeus (Vera Korb)	Nov. 18, 1921 July 1, 1925	Nov. 12, 1945	
Bertha Rosa (Orville Lee Foerster)	Aug. 18, 1925 Nov. 10, 1922	Sept. 30, 1946	

SON OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Mike (Elizabeth Senger) Timber Lake, SD	Feb. 2, 1906 July 26, 1911		Oct. 29, 1929

CHILDREN OF MIKE AND ELIZABETH SCHWEITZER

Paul Peter (JoAnn Daheke)	Oct. 17, 1933 June 1, 1935		Apr. 22, 1954
Francis Eugene (Judith Marie Prann)	Apr. 10, 1937 Oct. 4, 1936		Sept. 15, 1955
Edward Matthew (Mary Keller)	May 24, 1941 Mar. 11, 1943		June 9, 1962
Anthony Wayne (Donna Landis)	Jan. 17, 1945 June 24, 1946		May 1965 Mar. 28, 1969
Michael John (DeLane Gross)	Apr. 17, 1951		Sept. 30, 1972

SON OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Peter (Frances Thomas) McLaughlin, SD	Jan. 17, 1908 Sept. 15, 1907	Oct. 29, 1929	

CHILDREN OF PETER AND FRANCES SCHWEITZER

Wilfrid Eugene (Ellen McMacken)	Apr. 27, 1931 Apr. 20, 1932	July 16, 1950
Theresa Martha (Robert Bieber)	May 12, 1933 May 5, 1930	Mar. 15, 1954
Leroy Steven (Lorena Lipp)	May 7, 1935 Oct. 30, 1935	July 26, 1954
Bernard Gerard (Cheryl Pfeifer)	June 19, 1945 Sept. 13, 1952	Feb. 14, 1971
Claude Harold (Jill Keller)	Jan. 14, 1948 Sept. 11, 1951	Nov. 28, 1970
Adele Mae (Earl Mettler)	May 9, 1949 Dec. 23, 1943	Dec. 14, 1968

SON OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John (Magdalena Keller) Timber Lake, SD	Sept. 29, 1909 June 15, 1911		Nov. 3, 1931

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MAGDALENA SCHWEITZER

Cecelia (Roy Lindemann)	Sept. 26, 1933 Oct. 1, 1928		Aug. 2, 1954
Mary Ann (Emil Beigler)	Feb. 2, 1935 May 13, 1935		Nov. 3, 1953
Martha (Louis Bader)	Sept. 5, 1936 Nov. 5, 1934		June 2, 1955
Kathleen (Wallace Hartman)	Dec. 23, 1937 Dec. 10, 1925		June 2, 1956
Dean (Betty McMacken)	Jan. 11, 1939 July 5, 1943		July 8, 1961
Marjorie (Edwin Volden)	Apr. 7, 1941 May 24, 1935		Feb. 2, 1963
Phyllis (Edwin Cook)	Aug. 24, 1942 Aug. 11, 1937		Aug. 7, 1961
Valentine (Sheila Grage)	Nov. 3, 1944 Nov. 16, 1948		May 27, 1967
Harriet	July 19, 1946		
C. Dwight	June 18, 1948		

DAUGHTER OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Katherina (Wendelin Senger) Timber Lake, SD	Oct. 29, 1911 Nov. 10, 1906	Nov. 3, 1931	

CHILDREN OF WENDELIN AND KATHERINA SENGER

Rose Marie	Mar. 19, 1935	
Donna Kay (Francis H. Quinn)	Nov. 17, 1939 Apr. 23, 1935	Aug. 29, 1957
Elaine Martha (D. Scott Campbell)	Oct. 22, 1942 Nov. 26, 1937	Sept. 9, 1961
Rodney Leroy (Dorothy Holzer)	Sept. 1, 1946 Aug. 24, 1947	Sept. 3, 1966
Kathleen Joan (Michael Gage)	July 25, 1948 Apr. 18, 1946	Nov. 25, 1967
Terrance Lee (Diane Holzer)	Jan. 3, 1952 Dec. 19, 1951	June 9, 1972
Dennis James	Sept. 26, 1953	

DAUGHTER OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christina (Valentine Keller) Timber Lake, SD	Aug. 24, 1913 Nov. 14, 1905	Nov. 3, 1931	

CHILDREN OF VALENTINE AND CHRISTINA KELLER

Wilfrid George	May 12, 1933	Apr. 15, 1937
Dorothy Jane	June 3, 1935	Apr. 15, 1937
Kenneth Jerome	Dec. 6, 1936	Apr. 15, 1937

All three children died in a house fire.

Arlene May (Kasmer L. Holzer)	Aug. 3, 1938 June 5, 1933	June 5, 1956
Duane Robert (Janice Faye Cudmore)	May 26, 1940 Aug. 20, 1943	May 26, 1960
Patricia Ann (Virgil Horner)	June 21, 1943 Mar. 19, 1937	Apr. 24, 1965
Karen Martha (David Keller)	Mar. 21, 1947 July 20, 1943	Aug. 15, 1964
Janet Elizabeth (Larry Gill)	Mar. 3, 1949 Aug. 4, 1947	Apr. 27, 1968
Theodore Allen	Oct. 16, 1950	
Terrance Leroy	Oct. 26, 1955	

DAUGHTER OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Dorothy (Frank Silbernagel) Trail City, SD	Apr. 30, 1915 Feb. 22, 1911	Oct. 16, 1934	

CHILDREN OF FRANK AND DOROTHY SILBERNAGEL

Marie (Pius Biegler)	Apr. 20, 1936 Mar. 29, 1931	Sept. 16, 1958
James (Harriet Hodgman)	Apr. 22, 1940 Mar. 18, 1943	June 17, 1961
Robert (Mary Ginther)	Apr. 20, 1943 Oct. 14, 1946	Apr. 11, 1964
Linda (John Block)	July 4, 1948 Aug. 11, 1948	Dec. 21, 1968
Patricia	Oct. 20, 1949	
Margaret	Dec. 2, 1951	
Elaine	Sept. 23, 1953	
Kathy	Nov. 22, 1955	

DAUGHTER OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Adelheid Zecilia	Nov. 7, 1916		
Mitchell, SD			

CHILDREN OF RALPH AND IDA HOLLISTER

Ralph Leon (Constance Kaye Munger)	May 7, 1940	
	Oct. 12, 1942	Jan. 27, 1961
Raymond Lawrence	Sept. 30, 1941	
David Jerome (Sharon Runge)	Sept. 9, 1945	
	Sept. 5, 1945	

SON OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Mathias (Anna Hulm) Timber Lake, SD	May 23, 1920 Jan. 23, 1927	May 20, 1946	

CHILDREN OF MATHIAS AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

Clifford (Linda Vandal)	Mar. 3, 1947 Aug. 17, 1948	Apr. 29, 1967
Sharon	Feb. 2, 1949	
Jane	Aug. 7, 1950	
Mary Kay	Dec. 20, 1952	
Thomas	May 8, 1955	
Joseph	Nov. 26, 1958	
David	Nov. 22, 1960	

SON OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Thadeus (Ted) (Vera Korb) Timber Lake, SD	Nov. 18, 1921 July 1, 1925	Nov. 12, 1945	

CHILDREN OF TED AND VERA SCHWEITZER

Richard Lee (Carol Holzer)	June 4, 1946 Feb. 5, 1948	Feb. 4, 1967	
Dennis	July 5, 1947		Dec. 3, 1960 (Farm accident)
Robert James (Sharon Olson)	Jan. 22, 1949 Oct. 26, 1954	Sept. 5, 1970	
Janice Marie (Joseph Backes)	Mar. 11, 1950 May 3, 1950	Sept. 1, 1969	
Theodore John (Shirley Holzer)	July 16, 1951 July 16, 1953	Sept. 4, 1972	
Dorothy Ann	Aug. 17, 1952		
Kenneth James	Feb. 27, 1954		
Gary Allan	Oct. 19, 1955		
James Arthur	Aug. 9, 1958		
Lowell Thomas	Nov. 22, 1963		
Annette Marie	May 30, 1965		
Alan Francis	Sept. 8, 1969		

DAUGHTER OF SEBASTIAN SCHWEITZER AND MARTHA EBERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Bertha Rose (Orville Leo Foerster) Luverne, MN	Aug. 18, 1925 Nov. 10, 1922	Sept. 30, 1946	

CHILDREN OF ORVILLE AND BERTHA FOERSTER

Sandra Kay (Curtis Merlin Laudon)	Jan. 31, 1950 Feb. 24, 1947	Oct. 9, 1971
Michael Lee	Feb. 23, 1951	
Patrick Alan (Angela Louise Cragoe)	Dec. 15, 1952 July 20, 1952	Feb. 2, 1974
Diane Marie	Nov. 26, 1953	
Charles Ray	Aug. 24, 1957	
Gary Joseph	June 30, 1961	
Susan Jane	Nov. 7, 1965	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Dorothy was born in the Dorf of Strasburg in South Russia, Dec. 8, 1882. She was almost 11 years old when she came to the United States with her family in 1893.

After her marriage to George Jundt at St. Aloysius Church, rural Hague, ND, they operated a general store at Berwick, ND. George died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage June 24, 1910. He was buried at Berwick. After her husband died, Dorothy moved her young family to Hague, ND and bought a house near her parents.

Dorothy wanted to give her children the best opportunity for a good education so she moved her family to Bismarck in 1922.

They built a new house which wasn't quite finished yet when a June thunder storm brought a cloud burst and a lot of water ran into the basement. In the root cellar was stored a five gallon can of high test gasoline which was used for cleaning spots on clothes. This gasoline was commonly used in those days for dry cleaning at home. The can floated on the water so it tipped over and the cork came off and let the gasoline escape.

The next day Dorothy wanted to clean up the mess in the basement, so before going to Mass in the morning she went to the basement and lit the 2 gas burner plate for heating water and then she opened the root cellar door to get the soap and there was a big explosion. She was burned terribly and lived about 12 hours after the accident. She was buried at Hague, ND.



Mr. and Mrs. George Jundt



Dorothy Jundt family 1914

Left to right: Dorothy, Christine, mother Dorothy, George, Anna Marie, Elizabeth.



Taken 1971 at Sister Arleen's Golden Jubilee

Left to right: Fr. Thomas, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Christine, Sr. Arleen.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Dorothy (George Jundt)	Dec. 8, 1882 Dec. 17, 1875		July 1, 1927 June 24, 1910

CILDREN OF GEORGE AND DOROTHY JUNDT

Anna Marie (Sr. Arleen)	Jan. 7, 1903		
Christine (Joseph J. Kraft)	July 14, 1905 Sept. 6, 1897	Aug. 26, 1930	Dec. 20, 1960
Elizabeth (Valentine Zimmerman)	Jan. 29, 1907 Dec. 14, 1901	Feb. 23, 1925	Aug. 31, 1968
Dorothy	July 31, 1908		
George (Fr. Thomas)	Mar. 18, 1910		

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE JUNDT AND DOROTHY SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anna Marie (Sister Arleen)	Jan. 7, 1903		

Entered convent at St. Benedict Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota.
Made her first vows July 11, 1921.

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE JUNDT AND DOROTHY SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Dorothy not married Dickinson, ND	July 31, 1908		

SON OF GEORGE JUNDT AND DOROTHY SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
George (Fr. Thomas)	Mar. 18, 1910		

Profession of vows Sept. 12, 1933.
Ordained a priest Oct. 25, 1936.
He is a Benedictine Monk at Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND.

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE JUNDT AND DOROTHY SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christine (Joseph J. Kraft) Fargo, ND	July 14, 1905 Sept. 6, 1897	Aug. 26, 1930	Dec. 20, 1960

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND CHRISTINE KRAFT

Elizabeth Louise (Kenneth Roman Fischer)	May 7, 1932 Dec. 8, 1930	July 18, 1953
Dorothy Marie (Leonard Peterson)	July 5, 1935 Aug. 12, 1932	Aug. 11, 1961
Thomas Joseph (Ingrid Drahobel)	Dec. 4, 1936 Nov. 30, 1941	Sept. 2, 1961
Robert George (Rosalyn Carroll)	Sept. 7, 1939 Apr. 12, 1938	July 25, 1964

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE JUNDT AND DOROTHY SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Elizabeth (Valentine Zimmerman) Taylor, ND	Jan. 29, 1907 Dec. 14, 1901	Feb. 23, 1925	Aug. 31, 1968

CHILDREN OF VAL AND ELIZABETH ZIMMERMAN

Fabian (Minerva Forland)	Jan. 29, 1926 Sept. 19, 1931	Sept. 16, 1950
James (Anita Gregory)	July 25, 1929 Oct. 28,	Feb. 6, 1953
Arleen (Gene Wilhelm)	Nov. 28, 1931 Sept. 10,	Dec. 31, 1953
Betty Jean	July 25, 1933	
Thomas Joseph (Patricia Rettig)	Mar. 6, 1945 May 21, 1951	Aug. 18, 1972



Mr. and Mrs. Balzer Schweitzer, 1907

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Balzer was born in Strasburg, Russia, in 1884 and was nine years old when he came to America with his parents in 1893. In 1907 he married Margaret Schmaltz at Hague, ND. Margaret also was born in Russia. After their marriage they took up a homestead seven miles south of Bison, SD, in Perkins County. From 1919 to 1927 they lived on another nearby ranch and then moved to Glencross, SD, where they started a store. It was a good old fashioned country store where one could buy just about anything and a little bit of everything. The farmers could trade a can of cream or a case of eggs for a large supply of groceries. The store had the living quarters right in the back part of the building so they were always available to open for business anytime the customers came.

In 1944 they retired and sold the store to their daughter and son-in-law, Magdalene and Carl Leibel. Mrs. Magdalene Leibel still operates the little all-purpose store today (1974). Balzer and Margaret bought and moved into, his parent's house in Glencross. They lived there until Balzer died in 1969; Margaret is in the nursing home at Selby, SD, (1974). Balzer was laid to rest at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Glencross, SD.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Balzer (Margaret Schmaltz)	Feb. 2, 1884 Aug. 26, 1883	1907	Oct. 23, 1969

CHILDREN OF BALZER AND MARGARET SCHWEITZER

Christine (Virgil Veal)	Nov. 26, 1908 Jan. 4, 1908		Mar. 1952
Magdalena (Carl Leibel)	Oct. 20, 1911 Apr. 5, 1908	Aug. 16, 1933	Oct. 23, 1963
Albert Daniel (Lorene Loretta Perman)	Feb. 27, 1918 July 9, 1923	Aug. 9, 1940	

DAUGHTER OF BALZER SCHWEITZER AND MARGARET SCHMALTZ

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christine (Virgil Veal)	Nov. 26, 1908 Jan. 4, 1908		Mar. 1952

CHILDREN OF VIRGIL AND CHRISTINE VEAL

Beryl
(Magnete Houson) Sept. 17, 1927

Shirley
(LeRoy Hoffner) Dec. 1, 1928

DAUGHTER OF BALZER SCHWEITZER AND MARGARET SCHMALTZ

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Magdalene (Carl Leibel) Glencross, South Dakota	Oct. 20, 1911 Apr. 5, 1908	Aug. 16, 1933	Oct. 23, 1963

CHILDREN OF CARL AND MAGDALENE LEIBEL

June Darlene (Wayne Prouty)	June 19, 1936	Jan. 4, 1955
Jean Lavon (Bud Eastham)	July 25, 1944	Oct. 23, 1964

SON OF BALZER SCHWEITZER AND MARGARET SCHMALTZ

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Albert (Lorene Loretta Perman)	Feb. 27, 1918 July 9, 1923		Aug. 9, 1940

CHILDREN OF ALBERT AND LORENE SCHWEITZER

Kay (Darrel Gill)	May 6, 1943 Mar. 26, 1941	Aug. 25, 1962
Daniel Raymond (Arlette Rafferty)	Sept. 22, 1945 Nov. 8, 1948	Aug. 22, 1964
Michael James	Aug. 6, 1958	



Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Aberle, 1906

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Anna Schweitzer was born in the Dorf of Strasburg in Russia and came to North Dakota, at the age of six, with her parents in 1893. In 1906 she married Nicholas Aberle. They farmed in the St. Joseph community east of Linton until moving to Glencross, SD, in 1917.

Anna passed away in 1937. In 1947 Nicholas moved to Washington state. Nicholas and Anna were laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Glencross, SD.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anna (Nicholas Aberle)	Mar. 16, 1887 Nov. 25, 1881	1906	Mar. 19, 1937 Feb. 17, 1961

CHILDREN OF ANNA AND NICHOLAS ABERLE

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Michael John (Catherine Margaret Thomas)	Sept. 21, 1907 Feb. 29, 1912		
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John P. (Alice Johnson)	Sept. 20, 1907 Apr. 20, 1908	Apr. 29, 1929 Jan. 2, 1942	
Ann			+ age 7
Pius (Anna Keller)	Feb. 20, 1911 Sept. 2, 1911		Oct. 23, 1933
George (Barbara Wagner)	Feb. 16, 1913 May 9, 1922		Feb. 16, 1943
Anton (Alice Hummel)	Feb. 5, 1915 Mar. 13, 1917		Nov. 7, 1938
Rose (Frank Mike Holzer)	Aug. 19, 1916 Oct. 21, 1914		Jan. 18, 1937
Leo A. (Magdalene Hummel)	Nov. 3, 1918 Aug. 25, 1923		Oct. 16, 1945
Mark (Margaret Hartinger)	July 13, 1920 May 1, 1922		July 3, 1945
Aloisius (Cecile Jalbert)	Apr. 28, 1922 Aug. 1, 1926		Feb. 23, 1946
William Not married	May 19, 1924		

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Michael John (Catherine Thomas) Mobridge, SD	Sept. 21, 1907 Feb. 29, 1912	Apr. 29, 1929	

CHILDREN OF MICHAEL AND CATHERINE ABERLE

Michael Leo (LaVerne Doris Kuehl)	Jan. 19, 1931 May 22, 1934	Feb. 21, 1955
Dorothy Stella (Delbert Bickel)	July 5, 1932 Sept. 27, 1928	June 11, 1955
Pauline Rose (Eddie Berens)	Jan. 26, 1934 Aug. 21, 1930	Jan. 7, 1953
James William (Helen Johnston)	July 4, 1935 Sept. 21, 1931	Aug. 15, 1959
Lucille Ann (Orvil Kuehl)	Feb. 7, 1937 Apr. 10, 1930	Sept. 14, 1955
Joseph Richard (Judy Frank)	July 2, 1938 Jan. 19, 1939	Oct. 15, 1960
Leo Albert (Jane Marris)	Aug. 4, 1940 June 27, 1942	Dec. 27, 1963
Delores Marie (Gary Neumiller)	Apr. 14, 1942 Jan. 9, 1939	May 2, 1960
Marjorie Catherine (Laurence Vojtu)	Oct. 25, 1943 Sept. 9, 1941	July 25, 1964
Stephen Sylvester	Dec. 14, 1949	
Nicholas John	June 12, 1951	
Patricia Ann	Mar. 15, 1954	
Timothy	Apr. 24, 1957	

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John P. Aberle (Alice Johnson) Othello, Washington	Sept. 20, 1907 Apr. 20, 1908	Jan. 2, 1942	

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ALICE ABERLE

Jeanette (Patrick McDaniel)	Aug. 19, 1942 Mar. 27, 1943	Aug. 5, 1961
Phyllis	Sept. 17, 1946	
Diane	Mar. 22, 1948	
Rosalie	Mar. 7, 1950	

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Pius (Anne Keller) Mobridge, SD	Feb. 20, 1911 Sept. 2, 1911	Oct. 23, 1933	

CHILDREN OF PIUS AND ANNE ABERLE

Peter Paul (Mary Frances Cordell)	Nov. 4, 1934 Oct. 18, 1936	Dec. 26, 1958	
Jerome Nicholas (Christine LaFloe)	Mar. 17, 1937	Sept. 1969	
Bernadine (John D. Tillman)	Apr. 27, 1938 July 19, 1937	July 13, 1959	
Charlotte Ann (Robert Bleyenburg)	Nov. 24, 1941 Feb. 27, 1934	Apr. 28, 1962	
Arlene Jane (Willis Kelly)	Apr. 15, 1943 Aug. 2, 1943	Dec. 31, 1960	July 19, 1962
Charles Joseph (Marsha Wolf)	Jan. 14, 1947 Mar. 15, 1949	Nov. 13, 1971	

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
George (Barbara Wagner) Glencross, SD	Feb. 16, 1913 May 9, 1922	Feb. 16, 1943	

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND BARBARA ABERLE

Raymond (Carol Ear Ring)	Feb. 3, 1944	Nov. 26, 1966
Gerald	July 23, 1945	
Eugene (LuAnn Tullar)	Jan. 2, 1947	Sept. 6, 1969
Louis	Sept. 8, 1948	
Frank Nicholas	Oct. 16, 1949	Oct. 18, 1949

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anton J. (Alice Hummel) Tacoma, Washington	Feb. 5, 1915 Mar. 11, 1917	Nov. 7, 1938	

CHILDREN OF ANTON AND ALICE ABERLE

Daniel S. (Georgette A. Furick)	Dec. 26, 1940 Apr. 6, 1941	Oct. 19, 1963
Donald J. (Merla Schmeichel)	Nov. 7, 1943 Oct. 13, 1945	Aug. 14, 1966
Dale A. (Cherrie Becker)	Nov. 4, 1948 Sept. 17, 1951	Sept. 23, 1972
Dwayne N.	Sept. 12, 1954	

DAUGHTER OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Rose (Frank Mike Holzer) Trail City, SD	Aug. 19, 1916 Oct. 21, 1914	Jan. 18, 1937	

CHILDREN OF FRANK AND ROSE HOLZER

Gerald Valentine (Helen Marie Phillips)	Feb. 14, 1938 Aug. 8, 1938	June	1963
Kenneth James (Virginia LaRayne Hohl)	Oct. 19, 1940 Feb. 7, 1947	Jan.	21, 1967
David Jake (Mary Ann Becker)	May 21, 1943 Sept. 1, 1943	May	8, 1971
Carol Ann (Richard Lee Schweitzer)	Feb. 5, 1948 June 4, 1946	Feb.	4, 1967
Frank Eugene	July 22, 1951		

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Leo (Magdalene Hummel) Glencross, SD	Nov. 3, 1918 Aug. 25, 1923	Oct. 16, 1945	

CHILDREN OF LEO AND MAGDALENA ABERLE

Pauline (Roger Schmidt)	July 18, 1946 Apr. 19, 1943	Mar. 9, 1968
Louise (Robert Lewis)	Jan. 1, 1948 Jan. 8, 1947	Jan. 18, 1968
Leo	Mar. 9, 1949	
Janice (Leslie Mandernach)	Jan. 28, 1951 July 27, 1949	July 27, 1973
Arthur	May 14, 1952	
Thomas	Dec. 2, 1953	
John	May 13, 1955	
Joel	July 22, 1956	
Mary	Mar. 7, 1958	
Harvey	June 7, 1959	
Andrew	Oct. 6, 1960	
Irene Jane	Aug. 20, 1962	
Gerald Francis	Mar. 3, 1966	
Kenneth Lyle	Aug. 17, 1968	

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Markus John	July 13, 1920		
(Margaret Mary Hartinger)	May 1, 1922	July 3, 1945	
Eugene, Oregon			

CHILDREN OF MARK AND MARGARET ABERLE

William Joseph	June 3, 1946
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Judith Ann	Dec. 20, 1949
(Jerold T. Meier)	Sept. 13, 1946
	May 1, 1971

Patricia Mary	Jan. 3, 1952
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Beverly Jean	May 27, 1954
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Richard Mark	Feb. 20, 1961
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SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Aloisius (Cecile Beatrice Jalbert) Port Orchard, Washington	Apr. 28, 1922 Aug. 1, 1926	Feb. 23, 1946	

CHILDREN OF ALOYSIUS AND CECILE ABERLE

Marilyn Anne (Timothy Beatty)	June 12, 1947	
	July 1, 1943	Mar. 6, 1971
Sharon Marie (Steven M. Scott)	June 8, 1949	
	Oct. 6, 1949	Aug. 29, 1970
Kenneth John	Jan. 28, 1953	
Joan Cecile	Aug. 1, 1956	

SON OF NICHOLAS ABERLE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

BORN

MARRIED

DIED

William May 18, 1924
Mobridge, SD

Not Married



Joseph Schweitzer Family, November 5, 1960

Front left to right: Elizabeth, mother Maria, father Joseph, Anna Marie.

Back left to right: Joseph, Frank, Loretta, Leander, Anton, Katherine, Jake, Balzer.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Joseph Schweitzer was born in Strasburg, Russia, and came to America with his parents in 1893. In 1910 he married Maria Eva Bernhardt who was also born in Russia. She was 16 when she came to this country.

Joseph and Maria started their married life on a farm near Hague but soon moved to Havre, MT. From here they moved to Glencross, SD, and in 1934 to another farm near Berlin, ND. In 1958 they retired to Linton, ND.

The high light of the five year old Joseph's ocean voyage was when his curiosity led him to lean out the porthole a little too far. He almost fell overboard but was saved by another boy who grabbed him by the legs and pulled him back in.

At the age of eleven he was accidentally shot in the ankle. The bullet stayed lodged in his leg; and caused him to limp the rest of his life. In October of 1970, at the age of 81, the bone around the bullet started festering, by December he was hospitalized and had the bone scraped January 22. While still in the hospital, he got pneumonia, and died after much suffering, March 14, 1971.

Joseph and Maria were laid to rest in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery at Linton, ND.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Joseph (Maria Eve Bernhardt)	Jan. 26, 1889 Apr. 5, 1890	Nov. 5, 1910	Mar. 14, 1971 Dec. 24, 1969

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND MARIA SCHWEITZER

Elizabeth (Austin Warfield)	Jan. 22, 1911		
Frank (Charlotte Schoeler)	Sept. 5, 1913 Apr. 26, 1919	July	Oct. 16, 1972 1957
Joseph (Melva Jo)	Apr. 3, 1915		
Jake (Alice Parker)	Feb. 14, 1917 Feb. 2, 1924		
Balzer (Evangeline Baum- gartner)	Dec. 10, 1919 Dec. 25, 1925	Oct.	9, 1941
Anton (Evelyn)	Oct. 7, 1921	Oct.	11, 1954
Anna Marie (Alfred Baumgartner)	Sept. 23, 1922 Apr. 29, 1924	Nov.	8, 1943
Katherine (Melvin Luiten)	Oct. 7, 1925 Feb. 2, 1919	May	16, 1949
Leander Not married	Mar. 6, 1929		
Loretta (Dick Leonard)	Nov. 5, 1930 Nov. 28, 1927	June	11, 1951

DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIE EVE BERNHARDT

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Elizabeth (Austin Warfield)	Jan. 22, 1911		

CHILDREN OF AUSTIN AND ELIZABETH WARFIELD

William Joseph	Feb.	5, 1945	
Florence (Eugene Holm)	Mar.	24, 1948	
	Dec.	24, 1944	Sept. 19, 1966
Eileen (John Fitzpatrick)	Mar.	11, 1949	June 12, 1971

SON OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Frank (Charlotte Schoeler) Berlin, ND	Sept. 5, 1913 Apr. 26, 1919	July , 1957	Oct. 16, 1972

No Children

SON OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

BORN

MARRIED

DIED

Joseph
(Melva Jo) Apr. 3, 1915
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No Children

SON OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVA BERNHARDT

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Jake (Alice Parker)	Feb. 14, 1917 Feb. 2, 1924		

CHILDREN OF JAKE AND ALICE SCHWEITZER

Rose Marie	Jan. 28, 1939
James	Mar. 4, 1940
Ramona (Paul Houser)	Feb. 24, 1942 Jan. 18, 1942 Aug. 4, 1962
Norbert	Sept. 6, 1945
Michael	Aug. 16, 1947
Robert	Mar. 31, 1952

SON OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Balzer (Bill) (Evangeline Baumgartner) Fargo, ND	Dec. 10, 1918 Dec. 25, 1925		Oct. 9, 1941

CHILDREN OF BILL AND EVANGELINE SCHWEITZER

Joseph (Sandra	Sept. 22, 1942)
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SON OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

BORN

MARRIED

DIED

Anton
(Evelyn)

Oct. 7, 1921

Oct. 11, 1954

No Children

DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anna Marie (Alfred Baumgartner) Moorhead, MN	Sept. 23, 1922 Apr. 29, 1924	Nov. 8, 1943	

CHILDREN OF ALFRED AND ANNA MARIE BAUMGARTNER

Theresa Ann (Eugene James Huber)	Sept. 14, 1944	Jan. 2, 1965
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Daniel James	Aug. 2, 1946
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Jeanette Irene	Nov. 25, 1947
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Philip Ray	Dec. 24, 1949
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Robert Leo (Diane Rae Jahner)	Mar. 2, 1951 May 26, 1954	Dec. 27, 1972
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Allen Joseph (Leanne Ethel Elingson)	Mar. 12, 1952	Sept. 15, 1973
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Linda	Feb. 24, 1953
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Diane	Apr. 13, 1954
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Michael	Apr. 17, 1957
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Mark	Aug. 24, 1958
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Pamela	Sept. 14, 1959
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Sheri	Mar. 11, 1961
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Mary	May 1, 1963
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Frank	Dec. 1, 1966
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DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Katherine (Melvin Luiten) New Rockford, ND	Oct. 7, 1925 Feb. 2, 1919	May 16, 1949	

CHILDREN OF MELVIN AND KATHERINE LUITEN

Joseph	Oct. 31, 1957	Nov. 1, 1957
Maureen	Nov. 30, 1958	
Gerard	Feb. 25, 1962	Feb. 25, 1962
Gary	Sept. 5, 1966	

SON OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

BORN

MARRIED

DIED

Leander

Mar. 6, 1929

Not Married

DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH SCHWEITZER AND MARIA EVE BERNHARDT

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Loretta (Dick Leonard) Mobridge, SD	Nov. 5, 1930 Nov. 28, 1927	June 11, 1951	

CHILDREN OF DICK AND LORETTA LEONARD

William John	Sept. 10, 1952	
Mary	Jan. 21, 1954	Jan. 22, 1954
Susan Jerilyn (Steven Schatz)	Feb. 10, 1955 Apr. 20, 1953	Aug. 25, 1973
Theresa Marie	Jan. 8, 1957	
Cynthia Claire	Feb. 18, 1959	
Patricia Ann	Sept. 29, 1960	
Gerald Gerard	Jan. 12, 1962	
Richard Joseph	July 3, 1966	
Thomas Dewey	July 25, 1969	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Christina Schweitzer, born in Strasburg, Russia, was one and a half years old, the baby in her family, when they came to America in 1893.

On November 4, 1910, she and John Kraft were united in Holy Matrimony at St. Aloysius Church. John was a son of Ferdinand Kraft and Christina Vetsch. They lived on a farm near St. Aloysius Church but moved into Hague in 1917 where he helped manage a general store and worked in the grain elevator. In 1921 they moved to Trail City, SD, where he managed the grain elevator.

During the 1930's thousands of families left the Dakotas because of the drought and depression. So in 1937 the Kraft family also went West and settled in Yakima, WA.

John and Christina were buried in Calvary Cemetery in Yakima, WA.



Mr. and Mrs. John Kraft
November 4, 1910



Children of John and Christina Kraft, January 1958

Front left to right: Carrie, Christine, Bertha, Ann, Bernadine, Frances, Ramona.
Back left to right: Anton, Jack, John, Paul, Joseph, Gerald.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christina (John Kraft)	Apr. 10, 1892 Jan. 12, 1886	Nov. 4, 1910	July 15, 1949 Feb. 17, 1953

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND CHRISTINA KRAFT

Anton J. (Frances Hoffert)	Aug. 25, 1911 July 2, 1912	Nov. 9, 1931	
Caroline (Carrie) (Donald Howe)	Oct. 18, 1913 Feb. 24, 1913	Feb. 15, 1935	
Christine M. (Dennis T. Fitzgerald)	Nov. 1, 1915 June 27, 1912	Sept. 21, 1937	
Jacob (Hester Beth Martin)	Apr. 30, 1917 Mar. 8, 1919	Aug. 3, 1940	
Bertha (Martin Vetsch)	Mar. 15, 1919 July 14, 1911	Sept. 27, 1938	
Ann Marie (Donald Ross Smith)	Feb. 9, 1921 Jan. 2, 1919	Apr. 17, 1943	
John Anthony (Wanda Yothers)	Jan. 11, 1923 Nov. 2, 1924	Aug. 19, 1943	
Paul Joseph (Betty Lou Allred)	Apr. 27, 1925 Mar. 12, 1928	Mar. 16, 1944	
Bernadine Clara (Robert B. Burris, Jr.)	May 1, 1927 Dec. 29, 1921	Mar. 25, 1944	
Joseph (Sandra Lee)	Oct. 15, 1928 Nov. 11, 1940	May 29, 1969	
Frances Regina (Victor Baudino)	Apr. 3, 1930 Feb. 8, 1924	Nov. 11, 1950	
Ramona (Laurence Van Keulen)	Aug. 6, 1931 Apr. 1, 1924	May 10, 1952	Sept. 11, 1968
Gerald Leroy (Sharron Louise Griffin)	May 18, 1936 Sept. 2, 1936	Dec. 2, 1961	

SON OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anton (Frances Hoffert) Yakima, WA	Aug. 25, 1911 July 2, 1912	Nov. 9, 1931	

CHILDREN OF ANTON AND FRANCES F. KRAFT

JoAnn May (Nick Dunckel) (James Crabtree)	Jan. 16, 1934 Mar. 22, 1933 Dec. 29, 1929	July 3, 1951	Mar. 22, 1961
Patricia C. (Richard Doran)	Mar. 17, 1937 Mar. 22, 1933	Jan. 18, 1958	
Kathleen Kay (William Wagner)	Oct. 22, 1939 Apr. 22, 1935	Aug. 27, 1960	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Caroline (Donald Howe) McLaughlin, SD	Oct. 18, 1913 Feb. 24, 1913	Feb. 15, 1935	

CHILDREN OF DONALD AND CARRIE HOWE

Donald (Marlene Dietrich)	Oct. 31, 1938 Apr. 27, 1938	Aug. 15, 1959
Thomas (Mae Geigle)	Feb. 12, 1941 Aug. 4, 1941	Jan. 27, 1962
Charles (Dale Boyce)	Jan. 22, 1944 Apr. 27, 1948	Oct. 26,
Sharon (Duane Thompson)	Jan. 29, 1945 May 29, 1935	Jan. 24, 1966
Vernon (Lorri Ann Gregg)	May 12, 1948 Apr. 15, 1948	June 29, 1973

DAUGHTER OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christine (Dennis Fitzgerald) Spokane, WA	Nov. 1, 1915 June 27, 1912	Sept. 21, 1937	

CHILDREN OF DENNIS AND CHRISTINE FITZGERALD

Dennis J. (Monica Bernklau)	Sept. 27, 1938 Sept. 27, 1942	Feb. 28, 1972	
Martin L. (JoAnne Sylvester)	May 22, 1940 June 12, 1941	June 4, 1960	
Marlene A. (Delwyn H. Clark)	Aug. 19, 1942 Aug. 17, 1939	Dec. 1. 1962	
Betty Jean (Joseph F. McGinn)	June 5, 1944 Oct. 8, 1941	June 6, 1964	

SON OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

BORN

MARRIED

DIED

Jacob Ferdinand Apr. 30, 1917
(Hester Beth Martin) Mar. 8, 1919 Aug. 3, 1940
Crescent City, CA

CHILDREN OF JACK AND BETH KRAFT

Dianne Lee	Aug.	5, 1942	
(Jerry Edward Golden)	June	11, 1939	Dec. 21, 1961
Mary Maureen	Sept.	8, 1945	
(Richard Brian Davis)	May	9, 1935	Jan. 1, 1966
Jacqueline Jean	June	28, 1951	
(Ernest Lee Wilson)	May	10, 1949	Dec. 19, 1970
David James	May	18, 1953	
(Wendy Gay Main)	Feb.	6, 1956	Oct. 17, 1971
Thomas John	Apr.	23, 1954	
(Linda Lee Fox)	May	2, 1955	Apr. 17, 1971

DAUGHTER OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Bertha (Martin Vetsch) Yakima, WA	Mar. 15, 1919 July 14, 1911	Sept. 27, 1938	

CHILDREN OF MARTIN AND BERTHA VETSCH

Arlene Kay (Glen Alvin Koelling)	Apr. 29, 1939 Apr. 24, 1936	Oct. 16, 1967
James Martin (Kathleen Delores Fike)	Aug. 6, 1940 May 10, 1942	Nov. 5, 1966

DAUGHTER OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Ann Marie (Donald Ross Smith) Sandy, OR	Feb. 9, 1921 Jan. 2, 1919		Apr. 17, 1943

CHILDREN OF DON AND ANN SMITH

Robert Fredrick (Linda Stanton)	May 11, 1947 June 14, 1947	May 29, 1971
Marsha Doreen (Steven Cromwell Root)	Apr. 27, 1950 Apr. 4, 1949	Apr. 3, 1971
Cynthia Sue (Richard Norman Steiner)	May 18, 1952 May 14, 1949	June 17, 1972

SON OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

BORN

MARRIED

DIED

John Anthony Jan. 11, 1923
(Wanda Lee Yothers) Nov. 2, 1924 Aug. 19, 1943
Seattle, WA

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND WANDA KRAFT

Carolyn Ann Nov. 20, 1946
(Walter Forest Abbott) 1931 Dec. 14, 1968

Mary Elizabeth June 14, 1950

SON OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Paul Joseph (Betty Louise Allred) Eugene, OR	Apr. 27, 1925 Mar. 12, 1928	Mar. 16, 1944	

CHILDREN OF PAUL AND BETTY KRAFT

Paul Michael	Oct. 17, 1946	
Cheryll Louise (Charles Leon Hemphill)	Dec. 6, 1947 Sept. 11, 1945	Aug. 26, 1967
Teresa Susan	May 27, 1950	
Joni Lynn (Brian Wesley Berntzen)	Dec. 18, 1951 Dec. 24, 1950	Mar. 16, 1974
Valeri Ann	May 24, 1953	
Antoinette Melinda	Mar. 11, 1957	
Nicholette Marie	May 22, 1958	
Melissa JoAnne	July 1, 1961	
Melody Gabrial	Aug. 31, 1962	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Bernadine Clara (Robert Burris) Leavenworth, WA	May 1, 1927 Dec. 29, 1921	Mar. 25, 1944	

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND BERNADINE BURRIS

Barbara Ann (Elling John Arentsen)	Aug. 8, 1945 Dec. 11, 1944	Nov. 1963	
Susan Kathleen (Charles Patrick Long)	Nov. 23, 1947 Aug. 1948	Aug. 1966	
Linda Louise (Greg Lantz)	July 5, 1949 Dec. 11, 1947	May 1968	
Carla Marie (Gary Dean Ludwig)	May 7, 1953 Feb. 25, 1951	Aug. 1969	

SON OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Joseph (Sandra Lee Seattle, WA	Oct. 15, 1928 Nov. 11, 1940	May 29, 1969	

CHILDREN OF JOE AND SANDRA KRAFT

Jo Denise Oct. 1, 1955

Christopher Joseph Feb. 24, 1970

DAUGHTER OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Frances (Victor A. Baudino) Yakima, WA	Apr. 3, 1930 Feb. 8, 1924	Nov. 11, 1950	

CHILDREN OF VIC AND FRANCES BAUDINO

James Victor (Sandra Gout)	Oct. 21, 1951 Nov. 18, 1949	Oct. 13, 1973
Ronald Lee	June 23, 1956	
Jeffrey Alan	June 28, 1962	
Cecillia Ann	Oct. 17, 1966	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Ramona (Laurence Van Keulen)	Aug. 6, 1931 Apr. 1, 1924	Car-train accident May 10, 1952	Sept. 11, 1968

CHILDREN OF LARRY AND RAMONA VAN KEULEN

Laurie Marie July 2, 1953

Melinda Marie Dec. 2, 1955

John Lawrence July 9, 1958

SON OF JOHN KRAFT AND CHRISTINA SCHWEITZER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Gerald LeRoy (Sharron Louise Griffin) Seattle, WA	May 8, 1936 Sept. 2, 1936		
		Dec. 2, 1961	

CHILDREN OF GERALD AND SHARRON KRAFT

Michael Paul	Apr. 9, 1965
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John Douglas	Jan. 21, 1967
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John Schweitzer Family 1943

Front left to right: Father John, mother Clara, Sister Christine.

Back left to right: Frances, Mary, Peter, John, Paul, Clara, Anna Marie.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

John was the first child born to the Schweitzer family in America in 1894. He was baptized at St. John's Church in McIntosh county and received his first Holy Communion at the age of 11 in St. Aloysius Church. He grew up on the family farm north of Hague, ND, and took part in all the hard work and adventures that went with homesteading, taming the wild and conquering another new frontier.

In 1913 John was married to Clara Thomas at Hague, ND. Clara was a daughter of Frank Thomas and Catherine Heinz. John and Clara took up a homestead near Havre, MT. In 1920 they came back to Hague and in 1921 moved to Glencross, SD. Here they farmed until retiring into Timber Lake, SD.

Clara passed away in 1962 and was laid to rest in Holy Cross cemetery, Timber Lake, SD. John continues to make his home at Timber Lake, SD.

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John (Clara Thomas) (Clarabelle Meyer Schwartz)	Feb. 21, 1894 Apr. 16, 1893 May 11, 1966	Sept. 8, 1913	Feb. 2, 1962

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND CLARA SCHWEITZER

John Frank (Pauline Cousins)	Sept. 4, 1914 Sept 29, 1922	Apr. 19, 1938	
Christine (Sr. Christine)	July 16, 1916 Entered Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton, SD, June 29, 1938. Profession of first vows June 24, 1940.		
Anna Marie (Leonard Ball)	May 28, 1918 Jan. 31, 1917	May 28, 1947	
Mary Cecelia (Karl Rydberg)	July 3, 1921 Mar. 3, 1908	Sept. 30, 1940	July 21, 1960
Frank Joseph	Aug. 31, 1922		1922
Peter Anthony (Elsie Landis)	Aug. 3, 1923 Nov. 10, 1927		Nov. 7, 1952
Frances Katherine	Oct. 8, 1924		
Clara Magdalena (Jack William Perman)	Oct. 23, 1927 Feb. 17, 1931	Oct. 10, 1950	
Paul Henry (Loretta Schumacher)	July 18, 1929 Apr. 22, 1931	Nov. 10, 1952	

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John Frank (Pauline Cousins) Timber Lake, SD	Sept. 4, 1914 Sept 29, 1922		Apr. 19, 1938

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND PAULINE SCHWEITZER

John Joseph	Jan.	20, 1939	
Mary Ann (Duane Miller)	July May	24, 1941 4, 1938	July 18, 1959
Dorothy Kay (Bill Herrel)	Apr. July	28, 1942 8, 1938	Feb. 11, 1961
David L. (Gloria Smith)	July	2, 1943	Feb. 1964
Lawrence M.	Aug.	22, 1945	
Franklin	Aug.	16, 1947	
Paulette M.	Oct.	21, 1949	
Timothy	Apr.	12, 1958	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anna Marie (Leonard Ball) Emporia, KS	May 28, 1918 Jan. 31, 1917	May 28, 1947	

CILDREN OF LEONARD AND ANN BALL

Wayne (Patricia Hill)	Jan. 4, 1949 Dec. 24, 1948	Dec. 1, 1973
Lawrence (Judy Krumb)	Aug. 6, 1952 Apr. 27, 1952	June 1, 1974
Jo Ann	July 4, 1956	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Mary Cecelia (Karl Rydberg) Aberdeen, SD	July 3, 1921 Mar. 3, 1908	Sept. 30, 1940	July 21, 1960

CHILDREN OF KARL AND MARY RYDBERG

John Leonard (Carol Youngerman)	Aug. 2, 1943 Dec. 10, 1947	Sept. 25, 1965
Carol Ann (Wayne Sanders)	Dec. 1, 1944	June 22, 1973
Robert Carl (Jill)	Apr. 23, 1946 June 13,	Oct. 28, 1972
Charlotte Kay (Dale Bender)	June 13, 1948 Oct. 19, 1948	Nov. 23, 1968
Marlene Frances (Doug Phillips)	Sept. 16, 1950 Oct. 7, 1949	Oct. 3, 1970
Elaine Mary	Nov. 2, 1954	
Donn Eugene	Sept. 10, 1957	
Beverly Jean	Sept. 30, 1960	

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Peter Anthony (Elsie Landis)	Aug. 3, 1923 Nov. 10, 1927		Nov. 7, 1952

CHILDREN OF PETER AND ELSIE SCHWEITZER

James Allen Dec. 14, 1948

Duane Arthur Aug. 31, 1951

Charlene Jane Nov. 10, 1952

Diane Marie June 5, 1954
(Emil Glen Alan
Perman) June 8, 1955 Aug. 25, 1973

Elsie's second husband is Harley Wessel born May 30, 1925.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Clara Magdalena (Jack W. Perman) Mobridge, SD	Oct. 23, 1927 Feb. 17, 1931	Oct. 10, 1950	

CHILDREN OF JACK AND CLARA PERMAN

Donna Marie	Sept. 2, 1951	
Sharon Frances	July 9, 1952	
Sandra Kay (David Thorstenson)	Dec. 23, 1953 Jan. 29, 1954	Aug. 18, 1973
Carol Jane	Mar. 29, 1955	
Debora Ann	May 28, 1958	
Robert John	Mar. 10, 1961	
Marie Elaine	Oct. 6, 1964	

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Paul Henry (Loretta H. Schumacher)	July 18, 1929 Apr. 22, 1931		
Timber Lake, SD		Nov. 10, 1952	

CHILDREN OF PAUL AND LORETTA SCHWEITZER

Susan Ann	Mar. 3, 1954	
Franklin Paul	Dec. 29, 1956	Apr. 25, 1963
Patricia Marie	Aug. 7, 1958	
Mark Allen	Dec. 27, 1959	
Rose Mary	July 10, 1960	
Steve Lawrence	May 2, 1963	
Jerome Paul	Sept. 18, 1964	
Michelle	Jan. 30, 1972	

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Sister Christine	July 16, 1916		

Entered Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton, SD, June 29, 1938
Profession of First Vows June 24, 1940

DAUGHTER OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CLARA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Frances Katherine Emporia, KS	Oct. 8, 1924		

Not Married

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND
CHRISTINA THOMAS

Marcus Schweitzer was born at Hague, ND and grew up on the family farm in the Creek Community. In 1917 he and Armelia Fischer were married at St. Aloysius Church. They celebrated with a big wedding and dancing at the Fischer farm. Armelia was a daughter of Joseph Fischer and Juliana Senger. Mark and Armelia farmed at Hague and later moved to a farm near Edgeley, ND. During the drought and depression they moved to the west coast and settled in Yakima, WA in 1938. In 1953 they moved to Seattle, WA.

They were laid to rest in Holyroad Cemetery in King County, Seattle, WA.



Mr. and Mrs. Marcus
Schweitzer 1917



Front left to right: Fabian, Dorothy, Christine, mother Armelia, Arleen, Jane
Frances, Claude

Back left to right: Ida, Lawrence, Anthony, Joseph, George, Alois, Anna Martha

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Marcus (Armelia Fischer)	Mar. 4, 1896 Oct. 23, 1898	Oct. 24, 1917	Mar. 18, 1960 Apr. 5, 1970

CHILDREN OF MARCUS AND ARMELIA SCHWEITZER

Ida (Walter Tobolski) (John Magrum)	Sept. 3, 1918 May 15, 1910 Aug. 17, 1912	Apr. 18, 1938 June 6, 1964	Aug. 21, 1963
Lawrence (Elsie Katherine)	Aug. 3, 1920 Mar. 15, 1916	June 28, 1945	
Claude	Oct. 28, 1921		
Anthony (Neoma Jean Hudson)	Aug. 12, 1923 Sept. 22, 1932		
Dorothy (Eugene Gallaner)	May 2, 1925 Sept. 12, 1923		
George (Anna Claire Colella)	Apr. 30, 1927 Oct. 29, 1927	Sept. 1, 1950	Apr. 17, 1971
Christine Julia (Charles Duncan)	Aug. 3, 1928 June 28, 1913	May 23, 1959	
Alois (BoDean L. Netherda)	Mar. 30, 1930 May 12, 1932	Mar. 11, 1950	
Fabian	Sept. 24, 1932		
Frances (Duane Godfrey)	Mar. 2, 1934 July 30, 1931		
Joseph Herman (Anne Marie Goldade)	Apr. 21, 1936 Oct. 9, 1940	May 12, 1961	
Arleen Mary (William Edward Doyle)	Dec. 22, 1937 July 7, 1937	Aug. 13, 1956	
Anna Martha (Peter Walter Moser)	Mar. 5, 1940 Dec. 16, 1935	Apr. 23, 1960	

DAUGHTER OF MARK SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Ida (Walter V. Tobolski) (John F. Magrum) Federal Way, WA	Sept. 3, 1918 May 15, 1910 Aug. 17, 1912	Apr. 18, 1938 June 6, 1964	Aug. 21, 1963

John Magrum has 11 children by a previous marriage.

CHILDREN OF WALTER AND IDA TOBOLSKI

Thomas Joseph (Maria Jeanne Pretare)	Apr. 11, 1939 Aug. 9, 1940	Apr. 4, 1959
Teresa Ann (Ralph Hashbarger)	June 26, 1940 May 13, 1927	Oct. 4, 1967
Leona Armelia (David Frank Trulson)	Aug. 27, 1942 May 8, 1942	June 12, 1962
Charles Markus (Pamela Klouzal)	Nov. 5, 1945 Nov. 19, 1945	Dec. 1, 1961
Pauline Mary (Michael Alex Passic)	June 10, 1947 Oct. 5, 1941	June 14, 1969
George Walter (Sharon Lee Johnson)	Aug. 17, 1948 Sept. 29, 1949	Aug. 19, 1967
James Andrew	Nov. 30, 1949	
Margaret Arleen (David Shank)	July 18, 1953 Apr. 18, 1950	Apr. 6, 1971
Jane Maria	Aug. 28, 1957	
Janet Maria	Aug. 28, 1957	

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Lawrence (Elsie Katherine Seattle, WA	Aug. 3, 1920 Mar. 15, 1916	June 28, 1945	

CHILDREN OF LAWRENCE AND ELSIE SCHWEITZER

Susan Mary (Bob Marvin Mattew)	Sept. 28, 1946 Apr. 12, 1943	Nov. 26, 1971
John Wayne (Sharon Ann	Mar. 2, 1948 Sept. 21, 1946	July 17, 1971
Patricia Ann (Tom Duane Parker)	Jan. 14, 1952 Aug. 1, 1949	Sept. 5, 1971

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

BORN

MARRIED

DIED

Claude

Oct. 28, 1921

Not Married

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anthony (Neoma Jean Hudson) Seattle, WA	Aug. 12, 1923 Sept. 22, 1932		

CHILDREN OF ANTHONY AND NEOMA SCHWEITZER

Phyllis Feb. 23, 1948

Toni Kathleen Nov. 30, 1957

Tracy Lynn Mar. 11, 1961

Neoma Jean

DAUGHTER OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Dorothy (Eugene Gallaner) Seattle, WA	May 2, 1925 Sept. 12, 1923		

CHILDREN OF EUGENE AND DOROTHY GALLANER

Barbara Lee June 4, 1948

Steven Eugene Dec. 22, 1951

Mark David May 20, 1953

Cynthia Maria Dec. 5, 1959

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
George (Anna Claire Colella) Seattle, WA	Apr. 30, 1927 Oct. 29, 1927	Incurable blood disease Sept. 1, 1950	Apr. 17, 1971

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND ANNA SCHWEITZER

Gregory George	Aug. 21, 1956	Auto Accident	Nov. 11, 1973
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Anna is now married to Keith Warren.

DAUGHTER OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Christina (Charles Duncan) Seattle, WA	Aug. 3, 1928 June 28, 1913	May 23, 1959	

Lawrence Ray (Lynn Alexandria Carlson)	June 28, 1945 Jan. 24, 1948	
Linda Ruth	Mar. 20, 1949	
Paul Vernon	Oct. 13, 1950	
Michael Dee	Aug. 8, 1952	

CHILDREN OF CHRISTINE AND CHARLES OLIVER DUNCAN

Maureen Kay	Feb. 10, 1960
David Charles	Feb. 5, 1962

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Alois (BoDean L. Netherda) Tacoma, WA	Mar. 30, 1930 May 12, 1932	Mar. 11, 1950	

CHILDREN OF ALOIS AND BODEAN SCHWEITZER

Marsha Marie (Jerry Lee Lowenstein)	Dec. 21, 1950 Oct. 6, 1951	Sept. 7, 1968
Carol Diane (James Francis Gough)	Dec. 11, 1951 Nov. 29, 1948	July 1971
Christine Gwen	Feb. 8, 1953	

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

BORN MARRIED DIED

Fabian Sept. 24, 1932
(Mary Lou
Seattle, WA

CHILDREN OF FABIAN AND MARY LOU SCHWEITZER

Mike Mar. 25, 1950

Jean Ann Aug. 29, 1954

Mary Lynn Mar. 19, 1956

Sandra Lee Sept. 2, 1960

Marcia Oct. 19, 1961

DAUGHTER OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Frances (Duane Godfrey) Yakima, WA	Mar. 2, 1934 July 30, 1931		

CHILDREN OF DUANE AND FRANCES GODFREY

Catherine Dec. 12, 1955

Douglas Feb. 4, 1957

SON OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Joseph Herman (Anne Marie Goldade) Portland, OR	Apr. 21, 1936 Oct. 9, 1940	May 12, 1961	

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND ANNE M. SCHWEITZER

Jo Anne Oct. 2, 1961

Marri Ann Sept. 24, 1962

Paul Leo Aug. 4, 1963

Albert Joseph Nov. 27, 1964

DAUGHTER OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Arleen (William Edward Doyle) Seattle, WA	Dec. 22, 1937 July 27, 1937	Aug. 13, 1956	

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ARLEEN DOYLE

Rebecca Ann Feb. 9, 1959

William Joseph Jan. 26, 1961

Patrick Keenan June 25, 1962

Wendy Ann Jan. 2, 1964

Stacy Ann Dec. 17, 1966

Steven Anthony Jan. 29, 1968

DAUGHTER OF MARCUS SCHWEITZER AND ARMELIA FISCHER

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anna Martha (Peter Walter Moser) Auburn, WA	Mar. 5, 1940 Dec. 16, 1935	Apr. 23, 1960	

CHILDREN OF PETER AND ANNA MOSER

Peter Dean	June 30, 1961
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Claudia Ann	Aug. 20, 1963
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Julia Christine	Dec. 15, 1965
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Jeffrey Todd	Mar. 7, 1967
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SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

Anton Schweitzer better known as "Tony" was born on the family farm in the Creek Community north of Hague, ND. He and Barbara Sahli were united in marriage at Hague in 1925.

Tony along with his brother Marcus, and brother-in-law John Kraft, took over their father's store in 1917. Tony and Marcus were drafted for the military service in 1918 so they sold the store to a Mr. Buechler. However, the war ended shortly after that and they did not have to go. At this time Tony took a course in commerce and banking at Fargo for eleven months. He then returned to Hague to be assistant cashier at the bank. When a job offer became available he managed the Farmers Elevator and got interested in the grain business. After a short time in his brother's store in Glencross he got back in the elevator at Buffalo Springs, ND. When the drought of the 30's wiped out everything in that part of the country he was transferred to Jordan, MN where he managed the elevator for eleven years. Tony's next enterprise was a feed mill at Loretto, MN which he owned and operated for nine years. Since his retirement in 1960, Tony has been busy in the real estate business in Alexandria, MN and now at Buffalo, MN where Tony and Barbara continue to make their home.



Mr. and Mrs. Anton Schweitzer 1970



Marjorie



James



Elaine

SON OF JOHN SCHWEITZER AND CHRISTINA THOMAS

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Anton J. (Barbara E. Sahli) Buffalo, MN	Mar. 6, 1899 Sept. 23, 1903	Aug. 17, 1925	

CHILDREN OF ANTON AND BARBARA SCHWEITZER

Marjorie (Donald Undesser)	June 22, 1926 Jan. 15, 1926
James A. (Lorraine M. Kauth)	Sept. 23, 1928 Sept. 28, 1927
Elaine (Jerome Dickey)	Aug. 31, 1933 May 28, 1930

DAUGHTER OF ANTON SCHWEITZER AND BARBARA SAHLI

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Marjorie (Donald Undesser)	June 22, 1926	Jan. 15, 1926	

CHILDREN OF DONALD AND MARJORIE UNDESSER

Gary	Aug. 4, 1947
Douglas	Mar. 28, 1950
Barbara	May 28, 1951
John	June 24, 1954
Mary Beth	June 26, 1956
Laurie	Apr. 12, 1961
Susan	Dec. 14, 1966

SON OF ANTON SCHWEITZER AND BARBARA SAHLI

BORN MARRIED DIED

James A. Sept. 23, 1928
(Lorraine M. Kauth) Sept. 28, 1927

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND LORRAINE SCHWEITZER

Stephen James July 20, 1948

Cheryl July 19, 1950

Cynthia Kay Apr. 26, 1952
(David Chandler) July 17, 1950

Timothy Allan Aug. 9, 1956

Susan Ann Aug. 4, 1958

Tony Apr. 27, 1965

DAUGHTER OF ANTON SCHWEITZER AND BARBARA SAHLI

	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Elaine (Jerome Dickey)	Aug. 31, 1933 May 28, 1930		

CHILDREN OF JEROME AND ELAINE DICKEY

Sandra Lee	Sept. 3, 1956
Danielle	Apr. 4, 1958
Greg	Mar. 29, 1966

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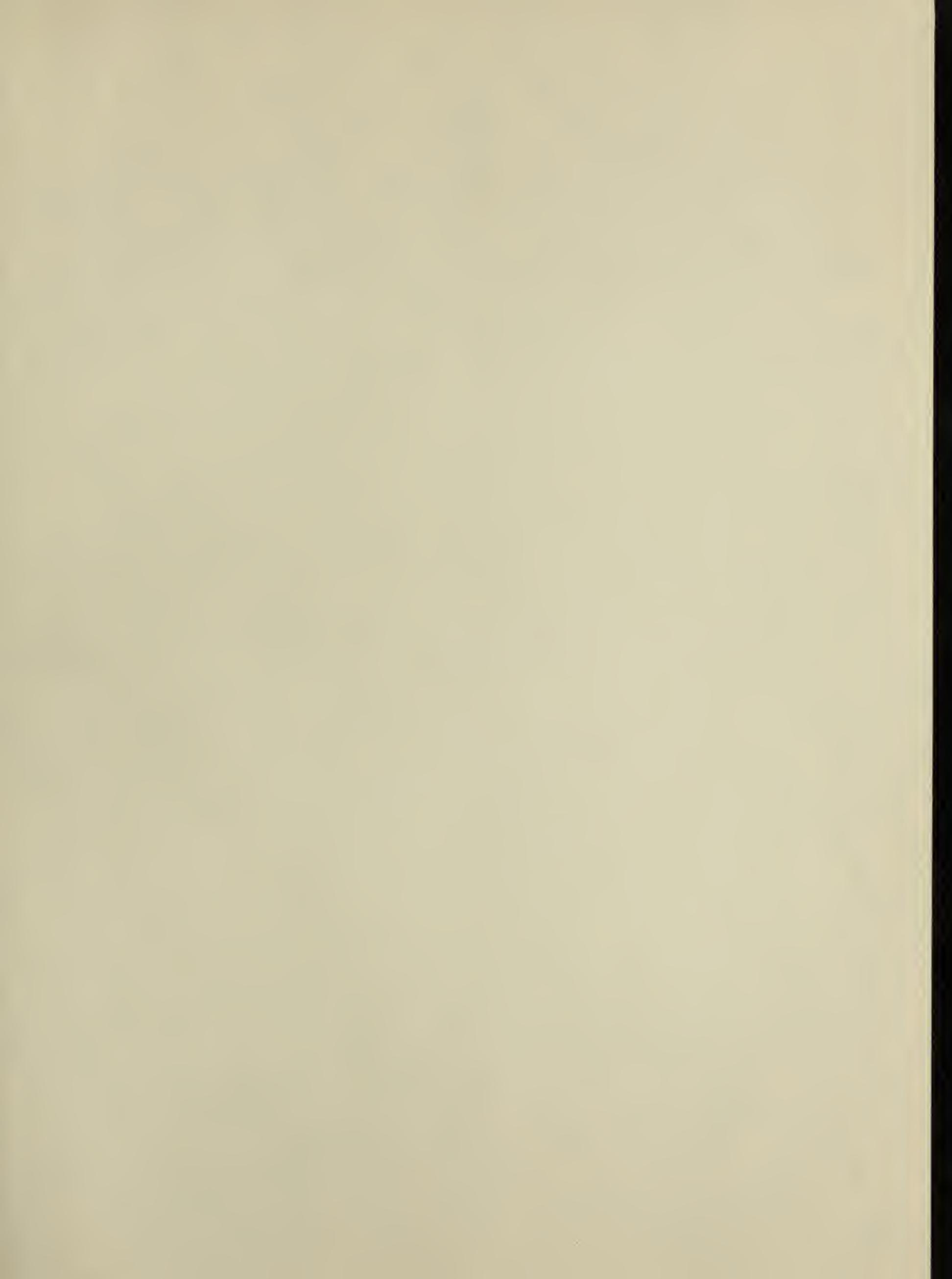
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